

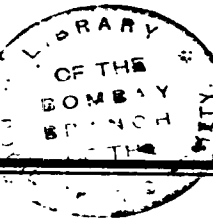
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Date.	Steamer.	Ton.
1920		
29th December	Kalyan	8,987
31st "	Moravia (a)	8,198
2nd "	Mantua	10,886
1921		
1st January	China	7,923
3rd "	Mahabharat	8,932
5th "	Caledonia (b)	7,572
7th "	Swatara	8,932
9th "	India (c)	8,932
11th "	Moravia (d)	10,886
13th "	China (e)	11,450
15th "	India (f)	7,540
17th "	Mantua	10,886
19th "	Nalder	12,828

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Date.	Steamers.	Remarks.
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17th "	Lhasa	Karachi direct.
20th "	Lhasa	Karachi via Kathiawar Port 8.30 a.m.
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RESERVE FUND Rs. 60,00,000

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Reserve Fund Rs. 14,00,000

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Subscribed Capital Rs. 1,00,00,000
Paid-up Capital Rs. 40,00,000
Reserve Liability for calls Rs. 50,00,000

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PAID-UP CAPITAL Rs. 7,50,00,000
RESERVE FUND Rs. 8,50,00,000

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FIXED DEPOSITS—Interest allowed on Deposits fixed for one or two years and for shorter periods at rates to be ascertained on application.

SAVINGS BANK—Interest allowed on Savings Bank Accounts at 4 per cent. per annum. Rules may be obtained on application.

LOANS AND CASH CREDITS are granted on approved Securities.

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Paid-up Capital Yen 74,000,000
Reserve Fund Yen 50,000,000

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FIXED DEPOSITS: received for one year and for shorter periods at rates to be ascertained on application.

SAVINGS BANKS. Interest allowed at 4 per cent. per annum. Rules on application.

LOANS AND CASH CREDITS are granted on approved securities at favourable rates.

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FIXED DEPOSITS are received for 12 months and for shorter periods at rates to be ascertained on application.

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Branch: MUMBADEVI (in the City).

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PAID-UP CAPITAL Rs. 10,00,000

RESERVE FUND Rs. 10,00,000

CONTRIBUTION FUND Rs. 1,15,700

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The Hon. Mr. Mahomed Hajeebhoy, (Messrs. Hajeebhoy Lalji & Co.)
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SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS—Interest allowed at 4 per cent. per annum.

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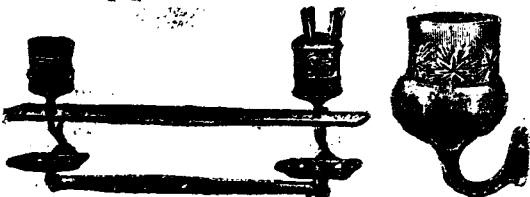
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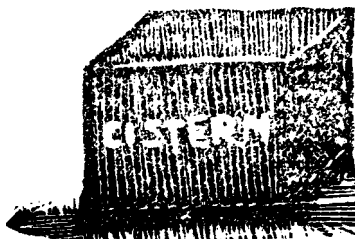
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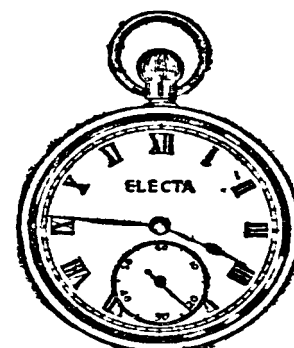
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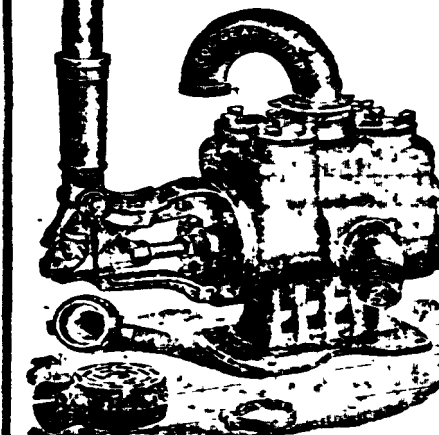
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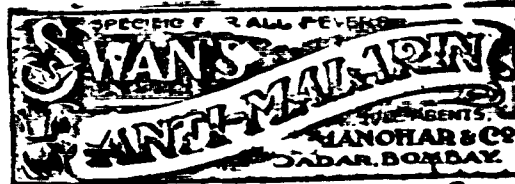
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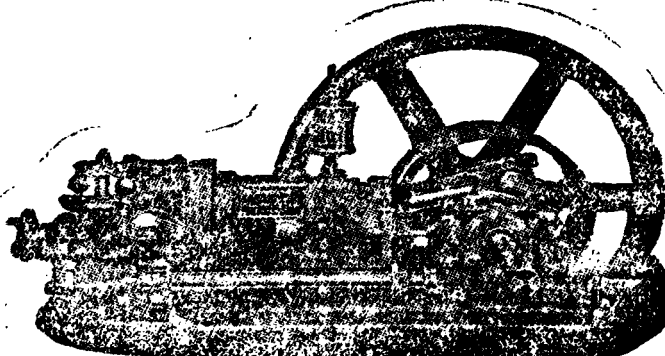
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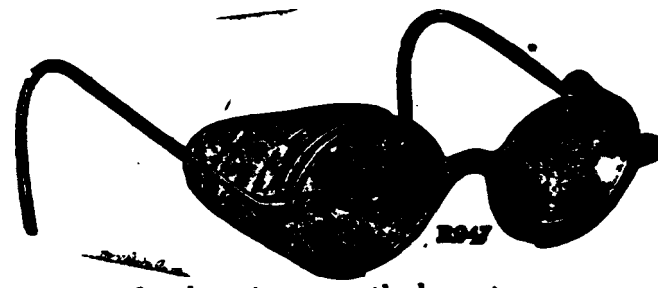
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The Constructor of this film has borrow-
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"THE RETURN OF TARZAN"

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trons and the Bombay Public that they
see no other alternative but that of
acquiescing to the clamorous demand of
hundreds of Cinemalovers of the City to
continue ONE WEEK YET their Million-
Dollar Magnificent Mighty Picture. So here-
you are!

ONCE AGAIN THIS WEEK!
They bow to the universal demand and
the great and glorious Photo-drama will
be repeated

THIS WEEK

at a tremendous Sacrifice! Yes—sacrifice!
Because the Film was booked away else-
where and the arrangement has had to be
cancelled. But We are in duty bound
obliged to see that none of our esteemed
Patrons are disappointed.

SO HERE IS GLAD**NEWS FOR YOU!**

Here is a unique opportunity to those
hundreds of West-End Patrons who have
not been successful Last Week in obtaining
seats.

"THE RETURN OF TARZAN"

will be screened this Week, and we assure
you we expect exactly the same rush as
we had day after day during the past
seven days.

West-End Cinema

(New Churney Road).

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COMMERCIAL.

CABLE QUOTATIONS.

COTTON.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

Liverpool, Dec. 14th.

Bales.	
Total Days Sales at Liverpool	3,000
Sales on Spec. & for Exp.	150
Sales of East India	150
Imports	11.71
Mid. American Spot	27.00
Egyptian F.G.F. Sakels	14.87
New York 11 a.m. (As known in Mar.)	15.05
Liverpool at closing time	15.14
New Orleans 10 a.m.	New Orleans market is closed to-day.

CLOSING PRICES.

Liverpool, Dec. 14th.

Months	Today's prices
Jan.	10.40
Feb.	10.48
Mar.	10.58
Apr.	10.65
May	10.75
June	10.85
July	10.95
Aug.	10.95
Sept.	10.95
Oct.	10.95
Nov.	10.95

Tone: Steady.
Manchester market: Slow.
Yarns: Unchanged.

Liverpool, Dec. 16th.

Months	Today's prices
Jan.	11.08
Mar.	11.21
May	11.27
July	11.29

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS.

Liverpool, Dec. 14th.

M.G. Bengal, Good	6.75
" Full Good	7.25
" Full	7.75
" No. Oomra, Good	8.00
" Full Good	8.75
" Full	9.35
" Broach, Good	9.40
" Full Good	9.90
" Full	10.40
" Sounds, Good	6.57
" Full Good	7.07
" Full	7.47

AMERICAN MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 14th.

Dry's Receipts at all U. S. Ports	43,000
" Exports to Great Britain	2,000
Futures at New York March	15.40
" May	15.57
" July	15.60
Spot Cotton at New York	15.80
New Orleans market closed to-day.	
Fair Rio Coffee (No. 7 quality)	6.11/16
Demand Bills	3.46/50
U. S. Mined	99 1/2
" Foreign	62 1/4

New York, Dec. 16th.

Futures at New York Mar.	15.61
Futures at New York May	15.60
" July	15.64

MONEY MARKETS.

London, Dec. 14th.

Rentes 3%	58
Bar Silver Spot	40 5/8
" 2 months hence	40 3/4
Closing Time of Silver:—Absence of buyers	
Dull	
Discount Bank of England Rate 7%	
Since 15th April	6 11/16
Indian Bank Bills 3 m/st	6 3/4
" Fine Trade Bills 3 months	7 1/8
" " " "	7 1/4
Bar Gold (per oz.)	118/7
Tone of Gold:—America took available offerings	
Interest day to day loans	4 3/4
" 7 day market loans	5 1/2
Telegraphic Transfers	44 1/8
Consols 2 1/2%	103 1/8
Rupce Paper 3 1/2%	63 1/4
Indian Stock—1/4% Sterling Loans	46 1/4
Government Securities 3%	59.40
On London at Paris—Francs	59.40

SHARES.

Chartered Bank

Hongkong Bank

National Bank

BOMBAY MARKET.

COTTON.

From Our Correspondent.

Bombay, Dec. 17.
The Marwari Bazar opened this morning at Rs. 337 for Fully Good M.G. Broach and gradually declined to Rs. 334 which was the rate at 3 p.m. It then finally closed at Rs. 333. At Colaba the Bazar opened at Rs. 332 and closed at Rs. 336.

Our market for ready cotton remained as dull as ever yesterday, and the inquiry was almost nominal. About Rs. 800 are reported to have changed hands.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS 5-30 P.M.

Bombay, Dec. 17th.

Fully Good Broach	April-May	336
Fully Good Bengal	March	217
Fine Oomra	March	270

COTTON CONTRACTS BOARDS

QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Dec. 17th.

Fully Good M. G. Bengal	March	216
Fully Good M. G. Broach	April-May	334
Fine M. G. Oomra	March	267

SPOT QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, Dec. 17th.

Description	Super.	Fine.	F.G. Good.	Delivery.
M.G. Bengal	250	235	220	Ready
M.G. Sind	250	235	220	"
Punjab	250	235	220	"
M.G. Oomra	No. 4	262	250	"
M.G. Central	No. 1	327	312	286
M.G. Central	P. No. 2	302	287	265
M.G. Khandash	No. 6	235	223	"

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of cotton produce, etc., for the 48 hours ending 5 p.m., on 16th Dec. 1920.

Cotton	10,032 Bales
Wheat	9,915 Cwts
Barley	Nil
Maize	400
Ungrainseed	5,024 "
Poppayseed	Nil
Groundnuts	1,582 "
Oatseed	Nil
Barley	90,136 "
Mysoriballs	1,469 "
Oatseed	4,604 "
Mustardseed	202 "
Gram	697 "
Mustard	515 "
Barley	Nil
Barley	5,880 "
Cowal	2,904 Tons

BOMBAY EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Dec. 17th 1920.

	Market Rates.
Bank Telegraph	1 4 7/8
Bank Demand	1 1/4 15/16
Do. Acceptance Jm/s	1 5 7/8
Do. Demand	39 1
American Dollars	415
London	229 1/2
Shanghai	139 1/2
Japan	203 1/2
Singapore	167

METAL.

Issue of Rates for Brass and Copper Daily Quotation

	Dec. 17th 1920.
Brass	per mod. Rs. a. p.
Do.	3/4 83 8 0
Do.	1 83 8 0
Do.	1 1/2 83 8 0
Do.	1 83 8 0
Do.	2 83 8 0

COOPER RATE

Dec. 17th 1920.

	per mod. Rs. a. p.
Copper	3/4 78 8 0
Do.	1 80 0 0
Do.	1 80 0 0
Do.	1 1/2 82 8 0
Do.	1 82 8 0
Do.	2 82 8 0
Japanese Copper Bars	56 0 0
On London at Paris—Francs	59.40
Copper English Bars	24 8 0
Strip Bars	81 8 0

HOME MARKETS.

BOMBAY, Dec. 17.

Home advices continued of a bullish character, owing to Bureau crop estimate larger than expected, also owing to trade reports continuing gloomy and lastly financial stringency. With all that we recommend constituents to buy new York distant position under 15 cents and under 100d. Liverpool distant position.

The following table will give an idea of changes in the Home markets during the week under review.

	7th Dec. 1920.	14th Dec. 1920.
Liverpool Spot	1920 12-42	11-71-71
New York Spot	1920 16-25	16-80-45

As for local market Fully good Broach opened at Rs. 332 on the 10th touched at Rs. 313 on the 11th again dropped to Rs. 332/8 on the 16th thus showing a flimsy market during the whole week. Exporters were sellers on advances. As for Oomra, it opened at Rs. 265, went up to Rs. 278 and closed yesterday at Rs. 266 Bengals also opened at Rs. 216, went up to Rs. 224 and closed at Rs. 214; so there was no appreciable change in the local market during the week.

As for ready cotton, holders are very keen sellers for old and new crop cotton with some concession in price but exporters and Mills are buying sparingly for their immediate requirements. We do not expect any improved demand from exporters in the near future, so we will see dragging markets for the time being.

MONEY AND SHARE MARKET.

Bombay Dec. 17.

Bars Gold ready Rs. 29.

Bars Silver ready Rs. 106.

EXCHANGE.

T. T. on London 1/5
D. D. on London 1/5 1/16
S. M. on London 1/5 7/8

D. D. on Paris Frs. 403.

3 M. on D. A. Frs. 403.

T. T. on Japan Rs. 200.

60 D. on P. Rs. 150.

American Cross Rate \$3.491.

Paris Cross Rate Frs. 58.80.

London Silver spot D. 41/14.

London Silver forward D. 41/14.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

5 per cent. War Loan 72.

5 per cent. War Bonds due 1920-22 99.

4 per cent. Conversion Loan 63.

4 per cent. Terminal Loan 93.

4 per cent. Paper 50-8.

4 per cent. Port Trust long dated due 1974 60.

60 per cent. Port Trust due 1930 90.

4 per cent. Municipal due 1920 60.

6 per cent. Municipal due 1929-49 95.

4 per cent. Bombay Improvement Trust due 1974 60.

5 per cent. Municipal Sanitary 91 1/2 to 92 1/2.

BANK RATES.

Ban of Bombay 7 per cent.

Bank of Bengal 7 per cent.

Bank of Madras 7 per cent.

SHARES.

Market ruled very strong owing to speculation.

The following are the closing rates of the Bombay Stock Exchange:

COTTON MILLS.

Ahd. Advance 2450 xd. By Cotton 1120, By.

Dyeing 2900, Century 1000, Cent. 4270.

Colaba Land 2450, Greenest 637/8, Currimbhoy

1385, David 1735, Fazulibhai 2005, Finlay 1037/8.

Ind. Bleaching 192/8, Ind. Malwa 737/8.

Ind. Shikhar 1000, Kohinoor 3025, New Great

270, Phoenix 1100, Phoenix 920, Shapurji 837/8.

Simplex 775, Swan 1100, Swadeshi 4210, Tata

Mill 1675.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 690, By Burma 600, By Burma N. I.

190 pr. Bt. Burma 3250, By Burma 322/8.

Bundi Cement 37, By Tramway 665, Ind.

Cement 307/8, Katni Ord 225, Katni Deid.

1100, New India 350, Shivrajpur 350.

Tata Ord 130, Tata Deid. 555, Tata Hydro

825, Tata Oil 172/8, Tata Bank 25, Scindia

Steam 15 dis.

PIECE-GOODS.

Bombay, Dec. 17.

There has been no improvement in the position

of the Cloth Market during the past week.

Rupce rates all round have been easier and

sellers have shown their willingness to offer

fair concessions to bona-fide buyers. Fearish

sentiment is much pronounced and prices are

not been for the small retail enquiry, the

market would have been further depressed.

The rate of exchange has been under 1/5,

which means a heavy loss to the merchants.

Stocks are accumulating and great uncertainty

prevails as to the future level of values. The

Sixpence has been felt by everyone, and

no relief seems to be in sight at the moment.

The unsettled state of affairs demands

extreme caution in making any fresh move.

The movement in favour of goods is

gaining strength day by day, and the feeling

against foreign articles is so intense, that

goods worth about Rs. 5,000 are said to have

been burnt to ashes amid enthusiasm during

an open-air meeting held in the Cotton Mar-

ket at Nagpur on the 13th instant under the

auspices of the Bharat Shiksha Shanga.

GREYS.

In Grey goods there has been no change in

the position and rates have remained nomi-

nally steady.

WHITES.

White goods have been easier. 39 inches by

20 yards Gold End Mulls have declined further

by two annas, and 39 inches Green End

Mull shows a reduction of four annas. Narrow

width Nainsooks have been very much de-

pressed. Prices by 15 yards White Japan-

ese are very much depressed, and the price of

which is suitable for the Persian Gulf mar-

kets, has been offered in the bazaar at Rs. 6

per yard, but with poor results. The feature

of the return is the continuance of heavy

ginnings in Texas, where the increase of

1,47,000 bales per year and 27,000 bales

up for reduced returns from other States.

Other increases are 135,000 in Arkansas, 118,000

in Oklahoma, 11,000 in Arizona and 7,000 in

Mississippi. The total increase is 2,00,000 bales.

The following table includes 177,000 round

bales, 1,000 bales Sea Island and 31,000 bales

American-Egyptian.

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA.

The following is the statement of Liabilities

and Assets of the Central Bank of India Ltd.,

Bombay, Dec. 17th, 1920.

LIABILITIES.

Capital subscribed Rs. One Crore.

Reserve Fund .. 4,999,000

Fixed Deposits, Current Accounts, &c. .. 1,900,000

Sundries .. 1,448,000

Total Rs. 103,507,000

ASSETS.

Cash Credits and Overdrafts on Government and other authorised securities .. 30,781,000

Loans on Government and other authorised securities .. 26,473,000

Bills Discounted .. 8,704,000

Bank Premises .. 3,527,000

Sundries .. 757,000

Cash in hand, at Banks, and Investments in Treasury Bills, War Bonds, Papers, Municipal Bonds, Debentures, etc. .. 33,665,000

Total Rs. 103,507,000

VULCAN INSURANCE COY. LTD.

The first general meeting of the shareholders

of the above Company was held on the

14th instant at the Company's registered office

at 5-30 p.m. when Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy,

Bart., presided. The Directors' Report and the

Audited Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheet

were adopted. Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, Bart.,

and Sir Chinulal H. Setalvad, Esq., the retiring

Directors, were re-elected, the appointment of Mr. Velji Lakshmanji Nappoo as

Director of the Company was confirmed, and Messrs. A. F. Ferguson and Co., Chartered

Accountants, were re-elected Auditors. The Directors, in the course of their report, state:

The Company commenced writing Fire Insurance from the 5th January, 1920, and from that date up to 31st August, 1920, the net

premium after deducting all re-insurances and returns amounted to Rs. 86,549-0-3 and the

losses (claims paid and outstanding) to Rs. 145-9-3. The income from Investments and Transfer Fees totals Rs. 62,736-1-3. The

expenses of Management of the Fire and Share Departments together with commissions as well as the remuneration of the Managing Agents amounted to Rs. 48,292-1-3. The

Directors' Fees amounted to Rs. 3,380 while the Preliminary and Organisation expenses amounted to Rs. 1,000. In keeping with the practice of First Class Offices a Fire Fund of Rs. 34,619-9-8 has been established re-

BOMBAY CITY AND SUBURBS.

Engagements.

TO-DAY.

Fourth Convention of the Bombay Presidency Students' Federation at the Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall, Sandhurst Road at 2 p.m. (S.T.)

Fourth Convention of the Bombay Presidency Students' Federation at the Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall at 11 a.m. (S.T.)

Public reception to Mr. Ben Spoor, M.P., at Shantaram Chawl, 6-30 p.m. (S.T.)

Domestic Occurrence.

REQUIEM HIGH MASS.

Monday the 20th instant being the months mind of the late Major P. H. Rodrigues, M.D., there will be a Requiem High Mass at the Salvation Church Dadar at 10.30 a.m. Friends and relatives kindly accept this the only intimation.

BHATTIA BAL RAKSHAK VIDYALAYA VIDYARTHI MANDAL.

A social gathering of all the past and present members of the above institution will be held at 4 p.m. (S.T.) tomorrow.

C. K. P. SAMAJ LAL BAUG, PAREL.

Under the auspices of the C. K. P. Samaj Mr. K. S. Thackeray will deliver a lecture on "Our Destiny" at 5.30 p.m., to-day on the terrace of the Narayan Ashram No. 7.

BOMBAY URBAN CATHOLIC CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETY.

The first general meeting of the Bombay Urban Catholic Co-operative Credit Society, Ltd., will be held in school attached to the Gloria Church at Byculla tomorrow at 6 p.m., Rev. F. A. D'Cruz will preside.

THE SOUTH INDIAN CLUB.

The adjourned general meeting and a special general meeting of the members of the Club will be held in the Club premises on Saturday, the 18th instant, at 7 and 8.30 p.m. (S.T.) to consider the recommendations of the Managing Committee.

A CORRECTION.

In the notice we published yesterday of the literary works which Rao Bahadur P. B. Joshi has in hand at present, the third line from below should read as "with Egypt and Chaldaea and the influence" instead of "with Egypt and Chaldaea."

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL CONGRESS COMMITTEE.

An adjourned meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held to-day at 5.30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Bombay Presidency Association rooms to continue discussion of the Congress Constitution.

THE PAREL CO-OPERATIVE STORES.

A general meeting of this Store will be held on Sunday, the 19th of December 1920, at the Parel Co-operative Stores, Dadar, to consider the recommendations of the Managing Committee.

TARK-I-MAVALAT SABHA.

As announced, a meeting of students from some three High Schools will be held to-day in the compound of the "Sandesh" Office, under the presidency of Mr. A. B. Kulkarni, Messrs. Phadnis and Mankar, two teachers from the Ganga High School, also addressed the meeting and were given a patient hearing.

KING GEORGE ENGLISH SCHOOL.

The annual social gathering of the present and past students of the Indian Education Society's King George English School, Dadar, will be celebrated in the school compound near the Portuguese Church at Dadar, at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday the 19th instant. The Hon. Mr. C. V. Mehta will preside on the occasion.

SANGLI CITIZENS' GATHERING.

The fourth annual gathering of the Sangli citizens and in Bombay will be held to-morrow at 2.0 p.m. (S.T.) at the Arya Education Society's High School, Angre's Wadi, Girgaon Back Road. Mr. D. K. Joshi has kindly consented to preside.

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE.

Under the auspices of the Social Service League, Bombay, Rev. A. M. Gray, will deliver a Public Lecture in English on "The Movement in Great Britain for Public Control of Industries" to-day, at 6 p.m. (S.T.) in the Parthasarthy Hall, Girgaon, Bombay. Mr. J. A. Wadia, J.P., has consented to preside.

ZOROASTRIAN BROTHERHOOD.

Under the auspices of the Zoroastrian Brotherhood, a debate will be held in the Wilson College Hall, Chhatrapati, to-day at 6 p.m. (S.T.) when Mrs. Gray will move that "Women should be enfranchised on the same terms as men." Mrs. Cowan will oppose the motion. Miss Shirin Cursetji has consented to preside.

ANJUMANE MUEENUL GURABA.

The Manager of the Anjuman Mueenul Guraba writes: "The annual general meeting of the said Anjuman an institution which renders every possible assistance to the poor Muslimes will be held on the night of 19th instant at 8.30 (S.T.) at the Parthasarthy Hall, Girgaon, Bombay. Mr. J. A. Wadia, J.P., has consented to preside."

CLASS ON PUBLIC FINANCE.

The class on Public Finance, held under the auspices of the Study Circle of the Indian Liberal Club, will meet as usual on Sunday, the 19th of December 1920 at 8.30 a.m. (S.T.) at the Servants of India Society Hall, Sandhurst Road, Girgaon, Bombay. It will be conducted by Mr. C. S. Deole, B.A. All those who have registered their names are requested to attend.

THE BOMBAY STUDENTS' BROTHERHOOD.

The General Meeting of the Members of the Bombay Students' Brotherhood will be held on Sunday the 19th December 1920, at 9 a.m. (S.T.) at the Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall, when the agenda standing over from the last Annual Meeting held in September 1920, will be gone through.

ARYAN E. S. S. HIGH SCHOOL.

The third annual sports of the School will come off to-day at 2.30 p.m. (S.T.) on the Wilson College Gymkhana Ground Kennedy Street, F.C. Dr. M. B. Welkar will preside and Mrs. Krishna Welkar will distribute the prizes. Past students are cordially invited.

to take part in "Half Mile Race" set for them.

ART SOCIETY OF INDIA.

A lecture on (Indian Art) will be delivered at the Society's Hall on Saturday, the 19th instant at 6 p.m. Standard Time, by Mr. V. M. Dubhashi.

Mr. M. V. Dhurandhar has kindly consented to preside. Admission is open to the public.

PAREL PARLIAMENT.

The Parel Parliament meets on the Sunday, the 19th of December 1920 at 6 p.m. (S.T.) as usual in the Library Hall of the Parel Settlement of the Social Service League Bombay. The subject to be discussed is "National Education." All are cordially invited to attend.

ENGLISH MAILS.

The Mail Steamer Mandala with the outward Mails of the 2nd instant is expected to arrive in Bombay at 8 a.m. on Wednesday next.

The Mail Steamer Catalonia which has on board Mails of the 9th instant arrived at Port Said on Wednesday, the 15th instant.

THE CLERKS' UNION.

Mr. David Martin Lazarus passed the Short-hand Speed Examination (60 words per minute) of the National Union of Teachers Examination, London from the Clerks' Union Public Continuation Classes conducted by Mr. Papa Rajanna.

"SHREE VILE PARLE MOPAT WACHANALAYA."

The above was opened at Vile Parle on the 12th December 1920. English, Marathi and Gujarathi newspapers as well as monthlies useful for ladies and men are being taken in. Special arrangements have been made for the accommodation of ladies.

DADAR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Under the auspices of the Dadar National Association a public meeting will be held at Dadar (Kirtkar's Wadi) at 8.30 p.m. (S.T.) to-day when Mr. Ashtaputre pleader from Satara will speak on "This Year's Congress." Dr. Savarkar, Prof. Phadke, and others will also speak on the occasion.

EMMANUEL CHURCH (C. M. S.) GIRGAUM.

Sunday—December 19th.
Clergy:—English: Rev. H. J. Lane Smith, M.A., Marathi:—Rev. D. A. Yardi, B.A. English Services:—8.45 a.m., Holy Communion, 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer, 7.30 p.m. (S.T.) Services for St. George's Hospital Nursing Association, Marathi Service, 9.30 a.m.

ST. THOMAS CATHEDRAL.

19th December, 4th Sunday, in Advent.
7 a.m., Holy Communion: 7.45 a.m., Matins: 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion—Choral, 9.15 a.m., Evensong, 5.15 p.m. (S.T.) Children's Service: 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon: Canticles—Chants: Anthem—"Rejoice in the Lord"—Purcell. Hymns—49, 226. Collections for—Hospital Sunday. Daily Matins, 7.45 a.m., and Evensong, 6.15 p.m., Daily Holy Communion at 7.45 a.m. On Wednesdays, Choral Evensong at 6.30 p.m.

THE BOMBAY SOUTH INDIAN CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETY.

A special general meeting of the members of the society will be held on Saturday, the 18th instant, at 6 p.m., to consider ways and means for providing a suitable habitation to the above society. Since the matter is a vital one affecting the very existence of the society, members are particularly requested to be present to find a way out of the situation.

THE BOMBAY PRESIDENCY STUDENTS' FEDERATION.

The Fourth Convention of the Bombay Presidency Students' Federation meets to-day and to-morrow at 2 p.m. and 11 a.m. respectively at the Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall, under the presidency of Mr. C. V. Mehta. Visitors' and other tickets will be had at the Headquarters, Arya Bhuvan, Sandhurst Road. Special seats will be reserved for ladies.

SARASWATI VIDYARTHI SAHAYAK MANDALI.

An extraordinary general meeting of the S. S. S. Mandali will be held at 3 p.m. (S.T.) on Sunday, the 19th instant, at the Hira Bag (junction of the Kandewadi and C. P. Link Roads) to elect a Trustee in place of the late Mr. Mangeshkar Vishwanath Rajadhyaksha. The Committee having proposed the name of Rao Bahadur Sukhram Vishwanath Rajadhyaksha L.C.E., J.P., for the place.

HINDI VASTU PRASARAK MANDAL.

A meeting was called by the Hindi Vastu Prasarak Mandal on 18th instant in the Marwadi Vidyalaya under the presidency of Mr. Chetumamrao Vaidya. Mr. P. C. Talsuke delivered a lecture on "The Necessity of Swadeshi and its growth." Mr. V. A. Golvelkar explained the motives and the rules of the Mandal. One of the most important and principal rules is that a man paying Re. 1 per year can be a member of this Mandal and he can get swadeshi goods stocked by the Mandal without charging any profit. It is the intention of the Mandal to open its branches in places where there are more than 2,000 members.

GAEKWAR INDUSTRIALS LTD.

The Statutory Meeting of the Shareholders of the Gaeckwar Industrials Ltd., was held at their Registered Office at Baroda on the 11th instant. Mr. C. A. Latif, the Chairman of the Board, presiding.

HINDI VASTU PRASARAK MANDAL.

The Chairman in the course of his speech said that the Company was registered on the 15th November last year. The Shares for the issued capital of Rs. 50,00,000 have been fully subscribed. Certificate for the commencement of business was granted by the Registrar of Companies on the 28th June. The Agents have obtained favourable quotations for the purchase of the Land Acquisition Act have been extended for the benefit of the Company. Arrangements are at present in progress to erect a Cotton Spinning and Weaving Mill to be worked by Electric Power and Machinery of the latest improvements. For the selection of the Machinery on the spot Mr. Triumdas, G. Khatnani, senior member of the Agents' Firm has proceeded to Europe with a staff of experts.

HINDI VASTU PRASARAK MANDAL.

With these remarks, he requested the Shareholders to adopt the Statutory Report and the audited Abstract of Capital Receipts and Payments, and the same were adopted unanimously.

HINDI VASTU PRASARAK MANDAL.

The statutory report and audited abstract of Capital receipts and payments were adopted.

IMAMWADA MATERNITY HOME.

PRINCIPLE OR PERSONALITY?

DEBATE OVER MRS. DADABHOY'S APPOINTMENT.

A meeting of the Municipal Corporation was held yesterday, Mr. V. A. Dabholker presiding, when the Imamwada Maternity Home came in for a thread bare discussion. Nearly all the members spoke on the question and at great length and much heat was generated during some stages of the discussion. One member stated that the question was not one of principle, as was applied in to other Homes in the city, but of personality. Ultimately, the report of the Medical Committee was adopted by the Corporation.

The Corporation resumed discussion on the Medical Committee's report re. Imamwada Maternity Home.

Mr. Mehta had moved that the report be adopted.

Dr. D. B. Master moved on amendment that the report be adopted, that Mrs. Dadabhoi be appointed First Physician of the Imamwada Maternity Home, giving her the assistance of a full time Second Physician; and that Dr. Dadabhoi should attend the Home every day for an hour or so to supervise the work of the institution and render any assistance that might be needed.

Mr. M. M. Kamdar had moved another amendment that the report be recorded, that the Commissioner be informed that the Corporation were of opinion that Dr. Dadabhoi be appointed Medical Officer in charge in the firms of her letter; and that the Corporation were also of opinion that there was no necessity at present for appointing a full officer for the Home.

A letter from the daughter of the late Mr. Saboo Sidick was read requesting the Corporation not to deprive the Home of the services of Dr. Dossibai who had given so much satisfaction to all.

"WHOLETIME OFFICER NOT NECESSARY."

Mr. J. B. Petit said a whole time Medical Officer was not necessary as there were only about 18 patients everyday. He did not think any change was necessary in the present arrangements and a qualified nurse was all that was required. He supported Mr. Kamdar's amendment.

Mr. N. M. Joshi said no voice was raised in the case of two other Homes when whole-time officers were appointed, and only now they were informed that a whole-time doctor was not necessary in the present case. He thought the whole question turned on the appointment of Dr. Dossibai.

They had the evidence of Sir Temulji that a whole-time officer was absolutely necessary for the proper conduct of a Home and that was conclusive. While he admitted that the Corporation were found to encourage Dr. Dossibai, he did not think they were entitled to allow her to do everything she liked to the detriment of the Home.

Mr. B. N. Motivala said the report has almost unanimous and signed by doctors of all communities. He failed to see why they could not get a full-time medical officer for this Home, as they have been able to get in the case of two other Homes. The question was whether they should adopt one principle in conducting all the Homes, or not.

DR. A. S. GAYAS' AMENDMENT.

Dr. Abdul Satar Gaya fully agreed with the decision of the Committee that a full-time medical officer was necessary, but as he did not want Dr. Dossibai to be latter away on account of her valuable services, he was of the opinion that Dr. Dossibai also should be allowed to work in the Home. He moved an amendment:—That the report be recorded: that the Corporation were of opinion that Dr. Dossibai should be appointed the first physician of the Home and that she should be given the assistance of a full-time resident lady doctor as second physician and that the payment of Dr. Dossibai be on such terms as the Corporation might think proper and that she should attend the Home at least an hour every day, or at any other time of the day, when necessary, and that she should be responsible for the management of the institution to the Health Department.

DR. MASTER ACCEPTED THIS AMENDMENT TO HIS AMENDMENT.

Mr. Cowasji Jehangir thought the Homes were made more useful by the middle class than by the poor people and it was so because the doctors themselves encouraged that. It was because of that, that a doctor like Dr. Dossibai with large private practice should be appointed, as she was giving her services voluntarily. He supported Dr. Master's amendment. He hoped the Corporation would not be led away by caste idea as he personally was never influenced by any such things. Unless they got eminent doctors to take charge of these homes they would never improve. It was their duty to teach the labouring classes the advantages of going to such Homes, whereas in practice only the middle classes took advantage of these Homes to the detriment of the poor people.

DR. S. S. BATTILWALA ASSURED THE CORPORATION THAT HE WAS NOT INFLUENCED BY ANY CONSIDERATIONS OF CASTE TO ADVOCATE THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. DOSSIBAI, BUT MERELY ON ACCOUNT OF HER MERIT AND SERVICES.

He complained that Mr. Mehta was not present at all the meetings of the Committee, hence he did not know the whole question and the discussion thereon. Were they, for the sake of a principle, to neglect the good of a Home by refusing the services of a voluntary doctor?

AFTER THE MOVOR HAD REPLIED THE CORPORATION ACCEPTED THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS THE ORIGINAL MOTION.

After the mover had replied the Corporation accepted the report of the Committee, which was the original motion.

DACOITIES IN BOMBAY SUBURBS.

GANG AT WORK AT WORLI.

ANOTHER AT PAREL.

FIRE ARMS USED.

On Thursday night another robbery of a daring nature took place at Dabar when some twenty persons attacked the house of Mr. Rajaram Narayan Moghe. The raid occurred about 2 a.m. and the attackers battering the doors robbed the women in the house of their ornaments and also removed some of the trunks. They took away property worth Rs. 2,900. The robbers took the trunks to the sea-shore, but were detected there by the Police who arrested two of them with the aid of other policemen. The robbers belong to the Kulkarni Kanti class.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Mr. K. N. Moghe, at whose house the dacoity took place writes to us:—
On the 14th instant about 1-45 a.m. I was awakened by one of our ladies and told that there was something going on at the side door of our house. With the supposition that there might be a robber or two I went to the side door and opened it but I was startled to find about 15 men with sticks in their hands standing there. I closed the door instantly despite those immediate near the door having tried to force it in. As soon as the door was closed, they began to break it open with their heavy sticks; and it gave way after few minutes.

Immediately after I had closed the door, I shouted out "thieves," "thieves," to warn the people around. Hearing my cry a lady who was sleeping inside tried to open the front door to run away, thinking that the men were by the side of the house. This was, in fact, an invitation to the men to enter—for they had surrounded the house on all sides. Some 10 to 15 men entered the house by this door. As I was the only male person in the house I thought discretion the better part of valour hid myself under a cot allowing the men to peacefully snatch away the ornaments from the ladies' and children's persons; and to carry away boxes worth about Rs. 4,000. As soon as the whole gang (numbering about 50 to 60) retired, I went to the police station to give them the information; and with the help of a Pathan 2 of the dacoits were arrested while trying to open a box.

IN PAREL VILLAGE.

FIRE ARMS AT WORK.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir—At 3 a.m. on Sunday the 12th instant a dacoity was committed and Marwarce, by name Rajmal Gonal, residing on the ground floor of Patelwadi, was the victim. He is a money-lender and cloth merchant. The doors of his shop were nicely fastened from inside and they did not give way to the ordinary efforts of the dacoits. Then heavy strokes began; the Marwarce did not leave his shop till the door gave way under heavy strokes by iron bars. It was only when the Marwarce heard a shot fired that he ran away for his life, leaving all the property at the mercy of the dacoities who took away property worth of Rs. 3,500 to 4,000. Many persons would have tried to prevent the dacoity work, but there was the danger of being shot as 30 to 50 shots were fired to prevent help from outside. I actually saw 8 to 10 holes on the third floor outside the gallery caused by gun shots.

On the 13th instant, an officer of the Poona C. D. having learnt that an absconded person who had committed two or three dacoities in the Branch district was staying in Patelwadi, Parel village; came there to arrest the person. The C. I. D. officer arrested the person and when the search was made a six chambered revolver was found under the bed of the arrested person.

Three or four similar dacoities were committed in the suburbs of Bombay and nearly 30 to 40 persons of the mang caste—Gardhi—are arrested by Police and some of them are recognised by the man whose property was looted.

The wonderful or regretful—thing is that these incidents take place so near the old Government House but there is no hope of immediate police help.—Yours, etc.

A. B. C.

COTTON FIRE AT COLABA.

DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT SEVERAL LAKHS.

On Friday morning a fire broke out in a stack of cotton bales at Colaba behind the Grant Buildings. The fire was mastered in about an hour, but not before immense damage was done to the goods both by fire and water. The stock contained about 2,000 bales of cotton and belonged to the Mofussil Cotton Company, and only a few bales were saved. The exact damage is not known, but it runs into several lakhs.

MR. BEN SPOOR'S RECEPTION.

Under the auspices of the Bombay National Union and the Indian Home Rule League Bombay Branch, a public reception will be accorded to Mr. Ben Spoor, M.P., at Shantaram Chawl on Monday, next at 6.30 p.m. (S.T.) Mr. Joseph Baptista will preside on the occasion.

BOMBAY AMUSEMENT.

IMPERIAL.

The Serial Dore-devil Jack is coming to a close this week. The scenes are being shown the Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth along with the Popular Pathes Gazette. During the "X-Mas week a 2 Reel Comedy of Harold Lloyd has been secured which is said to be the funniest that "Lloyd" has so far appeared in.

EXCELSIOR CINEMA.

The usual cinema programme is being shown at the Excelsior Theatre when the Banvard Company are not in possession. It includes a couple of topical, but the main attractions is a six part drama the title of which is "Shadows of My Life." As the title suggests, there rises out of the past shadows of a woman's life. In this case they bring misfortune, but she casts the shadows aside, and though they come again and again pluck triumphs in the end. There is a swiftly moving action and a pretty love story, and the end is reconciliation and happiness.

THE EMPIRE.

There's a film to be commended at the Empire, "The Little Cafe" it is French, and it has all the vivacity of the best French cinema. It is rather long—it is in seven parts but there is Max Linder in the leading role, and that means that there is more comedy than drama about the film and that if it were in seventeen parts it would still be bearable.

Max is a waiter. He has entered into a contract with his employer that he will be a waiter for twenty years, and if either breaks the contract then the trivial sum of half a million francs is forfeit. It is what our American friends call a "frame up," for Max is heavily under the thumb of his employer, and he knows it. He makes the bargain, but what's the use of having a fortune if you can't spend it as you wish? But the end is that Mr. Max finds himself in the merry whirl of night life in gay Paris, from which there are complications of the heart and a cyclone of comedy. It is a merry film, this sort of film it is impossible to have too many of.

THE EMPRESS.

This week we see the conclusion of that remarkable serial film which has been running at the Empress during the last month or two, and as might be expected, the last of the film is the best. What has gone before is only a gentle trickle to the mountain torrent which will be the manner in which the plot rushes to the climax. Of course all the tangles are unwound in the closing chapters. We see the triumph of the hero and the hero and the heroine, and we see the unravelling of the mystery which all through the story has been puzzling the onlooker. What is the third eye? But before the end there are some exciting moments. The constructor of this film has borrowed poison gas from the Germans, and he tries to kill the hero and the heroine with it. But these two worthies have got out of tougher positions than that, and this proves to be their final trial, for shortly after this mystery cleared up, the villain is a hunted man, and the curtain rings down when he is brought to justice.

THE BANVARD COMPANY'S RETURN.

Never was a company more welcome than the Banvard Company in Bombay. For long weeks we have enjoyed on cinema as a few travelling vaudeville artists, and now at last there is a full company of first class London artists to entertain the theatregoers of Bombay with song and dance and some of the latest gags, and pretty dresses and pretty faces and some of the latest gags.

No brighter attraction for the Christmas holidays could be desired. There may be a few more of the Banvard Company's entertainments that they will appear about their own, but they will appeal to the "intellectuals," but they are bright and snappy. They suit appetites. "Harem Belles" was an excellent one for it was a picture of a harem. The Banvard Company's other productions, some of which, "Plums for Picking," is being presented to-night. "Plums for Picking" has a very strong character, and when the company was last here it was voted one of the best entertainments of the series.

WEST-END CINEMA.

"The Return of Tarzan" has fulfilled all the expectations of the Management of the West-End Cinema. This popular Picture House and the Banvard Company have decided to its fullest capacity every evening during the past week and yielding to the popular wish that the picture may be prolonged for yet another week. Mr. K. D. and Brothers have decided to cancel their booking of the same film outside Bombay, and repeat the show during the current week. The picture drama has been able to secure ample testifies to the popularity of Tarzan, the Ape Man or the "King of Lions," as he is aptly called, and the unique character of a highly civilised species of Man-Monkey, vividly portrays before the spectators' eyes the ideal Pictures of Man as the "Image of God." The Banvard Company wanted him to beat the Dawn of Creation—the Man before the Fall—the true, typical, perfect product of Creation—strong, tall, majestic, handsome, brave, loving and without a tinge of vice in him. The present 8-reel picture is an exquisitely touching Romance of Tarzan, who fresh from the dizzy atmosphere and the conventional life of Parisian Drawing Rooms—merges into his native jungle, and associates once more with his old comrades, Giant Ape, wild Elephants and ferocious Lions. Our readers will do well to avail themselves of this opportunity, for the film is indeed a classic production.

ALL-INDIA COW CONFERENCE.

The 4th Session of the All-India Cow Conference will be held at the Nagpur Congress Pandit on Monday the 27th December, 1920 at 8 a.m. Lala Lajpat Rai will preside. Delegation fee is Rs. 2. Arrangements have been made by Mr. W. R. Purank, Secretary, Reception Committee, Nagpur, for the accommodation of delegates. The charge for lodging and boarding in Indian style is Rs. 10 for 3 days. Rs. 3/8 for one day and Rs. 1/8 for one meal. It is hoped that people will attend in large numbers. Any further information will be available from Mr. W. R. Purank, General Secretary, All-India Cow Conference, Nagpur, C. P.

MAZA DESH.

The famous play "Maza Desh" will be performed on Saturday afternoon at 3.30 p.m. and Sunday night at 9.30 p.m. at the Bombay Theatre, Grant Road. The Saturday night's is a benefit performance.

SPORTING NEWS.

TO-DAY'S RACES.

SELECTIONS BY "NEMO."

BELLE SYME will be hard to beat in the December Plate, MIMI and VIOLA should secure a place.

PENNY PIE, TAGAMOR, JOHNNIE H. ought to be the order of the Wavertree Handicap.

CHECKMATE should run well in the 1st Division of the Stockton Plate. MISS GOOD-ENOUGH and LIVELY will not miss a place.

LEMON can repeat his first victory in the 2nd Division of the Stockton Plate. MY PATSEY and PINE PARK should satisfy place investors.

GREY RENARD has the Byculla Plate at his mercy, VERSHAN and TIGER are two consistent performers.

SHAHIN, BATTLEAXE and FINANCER are three fast ponies with the distance very favourable in the 1st Division of the Hamadan Plate.

CENTRY will make amends for his Saturday's running in the 2nd Division of the Hamadan Plate. ALIGARH and ABADAN are two sure places.

TRADE MARK can score another easy victory in the 3rd Division of the Hamadan Plate. PEACE DAY and MIGHTY ATOM can gladden the hearts of place investors.

"ITEMS OF NOTE."

On account of Monday, 27th December, being a public holiday, the fourth extra meeting, advertised for Wednesday, 29th December, 1920, will now be held on Monday, 27th December, 1920.

A notice received from Calcutta has been posted on the course, to the effect that jockey Purtoosingh, trainer A. R. Dakeel and Mr. Arnold, the owner of Shahin, have been disqualified on account of the suspicious running of that horse at the Lucknow meeting held recently.

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THE BOMBAY CHRONICLE.

Saturday, December 18, 1920.

**"THE BRITISH
CONNECTION."**

Of all the subjects which will be dis-
cussed at the coming National Congress
at Nagpur, none probably will be more
hotly debated than the question whether
India, in her national aspirations, desires
to withdraw from or retain connection
with the British Empire; yet it is a ques-
tion rather speculative than actual, and
those who demonstrate against the British
connection at this juncture, while express-
ing the feelings of indignation and dis-
appointment which undoubtedly are in
the nation, will in our opinion really be
wasting time in an attempt to define a
position which is not yet definable. We
for our part wish earnestly that India
may retain her connection with Great
Britain, but not against her will, nor
upon terms which are dishonouring to
both parties, but principally to the ruling
party which imposes them. It must be
perfectly evident to everyone who takes
the trouble to think, that if the British
connection has become irksome to a great
number of Indians it is the fault of the
British, and that if they are to favour it
again, the British must redress existing
wrongs and hold out such a prospect to
the Indian nation as may recommend it
to their minds, if not their hearts, in
future. To sever the British connection
by force is out of the question, for all the
force is on the side of England. But
we believe it to be impossible for Eng-
land, with her democratic institutions, to
go on ruling a nation of more than three
hundred million souls against that
nation's will. Repressive measures will
not really help, for there is such a thing
as world opinion; and the propaganda
against England in some foreign coun-
tries is already formidable. England has
been led into a false position with regard
to Eastern peoples, and the sooner she
gets out of it the better for herself and for
the Eastern peoples, and for the world's
peace.

What Englishman worthy of the
name would seriously uphold the horrible
ill-treatment which Indians are receiving
in the British Dominions and colonies?
What Englishman would call it just, or
even wise politically, to use Indian troops
for purposes offensive to Indian senti-
ment and public opinion? What English-
man would seriously contend that the
breach of England's solemn pledges to
the Arabs and the Indians in the Turkish
treaty is defensible? What Englishman
can really justify, or take a pride in, the
extraordinary attack of nerves which
culminated in the massacre of Jallianwala
Bagh? And yet most Englishmen accept
these things, as nowadays they accept all
accomplished facts, and which is worse,
they take their stand upon them. While
that is so, the Indian nation cannot
possibly take any pride or pleasure in the
British connection. A mere glance at
the affronts which have been, and are be-
ing, put upon Indians, is sufficient to
inform anyone, that that is not the way
to make the Indian race contented with

the British Empire. England, as we
said before, has been misled into a false
position, and so long as she remains in
that position, the discontent of Indians
with the British Empire is absolutely cer-
tain to go on increasing. The question is
how to get out of that false position, and
immediately. Most Indians who retain
some hope of England's justice look to
the English people for the ultimate redress
of all wrongs, and pin their hopes upon
the Labour Party. It seems to us that, in
so doing, they place their hopes a very
long way off. For England is a long way
off from India, and matters nearer home
take natural precedence in English minds.
The very notion of responsibility for
what takes place in India is only
beginning to germinate in the minds of
the British democracy. India is not, and
never will be such a burning question
with the great majority as the rate of
wages, or the price of coal in England.
Those who speak of it as of a burning
question are still regarded in the light of
amiable or pernicious cranks, according
to the point of view of those who hear
them. Yet England, the head and centre
of the Empire, is undoubtedly the place
where Indian aspirations find most sym-
pathy. The other portions of the empire
are directly hostile to them as is shown
by the treatment which the Indians meet
with there. And foreign European coun-
tries, in their sympathy, are animated
more by envy of the British than by love
for Indians. Not only are Indians
"Pariahs within the Empire," but India
is herself a pariah within the
Empire, or a slave; and with
the exception of the people of Eng-
land and all the inhabitants of the Empire
seem anxious to increase the burdens of
her servitude rather than contribute to
her emancipation. She has been prom-
ised Dominion Home Rule; and yet her mil-
lions have no voice in the Empire's foreign
policy, her troops are used for purposes
abhorrent to her, and her people are
insulted by the other Dominions. In the
midst of such injustice, indifference and
hostility, what hope is there for her; what
help can she discern, within the Empire?
She is being forced into hostility to the
British connection, and no Indian is in a
position to stop the process. That must
be done by an Englishman, or
group of Englishmen. But where,
since England is indifferent, and the
Dominions hostile, can Eng-
lishmen be found with will or power to
do it? Well, how about the English
here in India?

What is the difference between the
Government of India at this moment,
and the Government of any of the Self-
Governing Dominions? Is it not this:
that the Government of Australia, for
example, represents the people of Aus-
tralia and upholds their point of view
through thick and thin, even to the point
of threatening non-cooperation with the
Imperial Government in case the national
demand is not complied with? Let the
Government of India do the same, just
once; let the British in India take their
stand for India firmly on but one occa-
sion, and they will see for themselves
how much their previous attitude has
been responsible for the dis-
trust and discontent of Indians.
Complete Swarajya could and
would include the British, if the British
here in India stood for India; and it could
be granted tomorrow without the slightest
"danger"; indeed, the immediate
grant of it, by rousing enthusiasm, would
avert all danger in the situation for long
years to come. That is the solution we
would advocate if it were possible. It
seems to us impossible at present only
because the hide-bound Anglo-Indian will
not stand for India, because he will not
meet the Indian upon equal terms; and
because, in order to preserve his privileged
position, he is organising opposition both
in India and in England to the human
rights and natural claims and aspirations
of the Indian people. We may hope in
our own private heart to see the Viceroy
in the chair at a Khilafat meeting, but
we cannot expect the Indian nation,
after such harsh experience, to share our
hope, nor is our hope, so near as to
approach to certainty.

Notes of the Day.

The Viceregal Gadi.

There is a lull just now in the flood of
messages regarding the chances of the
various candidates for the Viceregal gadi.
The best favourites for the present seem to
be Messrs. Winston Churchill and Austen
Chamberlain. The London correspondent of
a Calcutta contemporary has revived fresh
interest in the latter by giving currency to
the "gossip" that Mr. Austen has declared
himself to be willing to go out to India if
his health permits. In that case, we are
further told Mr. Chamberlain would be
succeeded by Mr. Winston Churchill as
Chancellor of the Exchequer. If the people
of India had any voice in the selection of
their Viceroys, they would rather prefer

that Mr. Chamberlain should stay where
he is and that Mr. Churchill should come
out as Viceroy. Not that the selection of
Mr. Churchill as Viceroy would be satis-
factory all-round, but, as between the two,
Mr. Churchill would be preferable to Mr.
Chamberlain. Some of the Anglo-Indian jour-
nals, notably the "Pioneer", have openly
acclaimed the choice of Mr. Churchill as
admirable, but we are sure they would
plump solidly for Mr. Chamberlain, if there
were the least chance of his coming out as
Viceroy. By the way, we are surprised that
"New India" should be so much ena-
mour of Lords Willingdon and Ronald-
shay and other ruling satraps as to fall
foul of Mr. Churchill and disqualify him
because of his so-called Gallipoli failure.
The responsibility for the latter is not
wholly Mr. Churchill's. The whole Army
Council, including Lord Kitchener himself,
were responsible for it.

Precedence Among Indian States.

A correspondent, who signed himself as
"A Mewari", recently drew attention in
this journal to an unfortunate slip made
by Lord Chelmsford while on a visit to
Jodhpur. The Viceroy, in one of his public
speeches there was reported
to have referred to Jodhpur as
"the premier Rajput State." The corres-
pondent pointed out that the honour of
being the premier Rajput State rightfully
belongs to Udaipur and that it reflected
a slur on this State to call another State
the premier one. Now, another correspon-
dent, who hails from Jodhpur, writes to us
assaying to controvert the claim of "A
Mewari" to regard Udaipur as the premier
State in Rajputana. This latter correspon-
dent marshals the comparative statistics of
Jodhpur and Udaipur, such as area, in-
come, the number of Imperial Service troops
maintained, the number of off-shoot States,
the honours held by the parent State and
its off-shoots, active field service during the
war, etc., to show that Jodhpur has a better
claim of the two to be regarded as the pre-
mier State. But the correspondent entirely
ignores the one safe criterion in these
controversial matters of precedence, namely
that of the salutes to which the States and
their rulers are entitled. We find that the
Maharaja of Udaipur is entitled to a per-
manent salute of 19 guns, whereas the
Ruler of Jodhpur is entitled to a salute of
17 guns. Besides Udaipur there is no other
Rajput State entitled to the salute of 19
guns. Again, whereas the present Maha-
rana of Udaipur is entitled to a personal
salute of 21 guns, the ruler of Jodhpur is
honoured with a personal salute of 17 guns.
The size, income, population etc. of a
State have nothing to do with the heredi-
tary status of that State. And anyhow we
are now assured that the Viceroy never said
the word attributed to him; his actual words
being "the premier Rajput State."

Top-heavy Government.

While the cry all over the country is for
administrative economy with a view to
meet the heavy outlays on education, sani-
tation and other items of social reform
that have been all along starved, the ten-
dency on the part of the various local Gov-
ernments appears to be to make the admin-
istrative machinery excessively top-heavy.
The moment it became certain that a little
measure of real non-official control was to
be introduced into the administration, the
governing caste hastened to improve the
salaries and pensions of the higher ranks
of the Service, manned by themselves, in
a most lavish manner. The low-paid sub-
ordinate ranks are left to be content with
the crumbs and the leavings. Simultane-
ously with this movement is the other to
multiply the highly paid posts, on the plea
of growth of administrative business. Take
our own Presidency. Before the war, at
the head of the Revenue and Financial De-
partment there was one Secretary, and one
Assistant Secretary. During the war a
Deputy Secretary's post was added to these.
Now, under the Reform Scheme, it is pro-
posed to divide this Department into two,
the Revenue Department and the Financial
Department, each with a Secretary, Deputy
Secretary and Assistant Secretary. That
is to say, where formerly there were only
two, now six highly paid officials are to be
appointed to cope with the work. Has the
volume of business increased three-fold since
the war? Similar will be the case with
the Political and Judicial Department,
which is now to be bifurcated into the Pol-
itical and Home Departments, each with its
Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Assistant
Secretary. This duplication of establish-
ments is expected to entail in each case an
extra expenditure of about a lakh of rupees.
In this estimate we are not counting the
cost of the additional clerical staff, station-
ery, etc.

Added Burdens.

But the Secretarial extravagance will be
nothing compared to the extravagance
which the reconstitution of the Executive

Council of the Governor is going to entail.
Though the Joint Committee has recom-
mended that the normal number of members of
this Council need not exceed two, it is
understood that we are to have no less than
four members, two Civilian and two non-
official Indians. In addition to these, there
will be, of course, the Ministers—two or
more of them. Since none of the Ministers
will be without a portfolio, it is difficult to
understand why the Executive Council
should be enlarged in the extravagant man-
ner proposed. It is stated that this is
being done with a view to maintain intact
the vested interests of the Service, which
would have one post less than at present if
the Council were to consist of only two
members. So, rather than give up one post,
the Service appears prepared to saddle the
provincial exchequer with the burden of
maintaining two more. Thus the Governor
is to be surrounded with a Council of four
members and two or more Ministers. Lord
Willingdon proposes to seek the aid of seven
Councillors, of whom three will be Ministers.
At present, the Governor's Council costs
about three lakhs per annum in salaries
only. Henceforward, it is to cost double the
amount. Are the Reforms really worth this
enormous outlay? And, moreover, can this
poor country bear the burden of this top-
heavy administration, without detriment to
its vital interests? In no civilised country
is the Public Service so costly as in this
country and no country is poorer than ours.
And yet the administration is being made
every day more and more top-heavy. How
long will it last?

Disappointment!

Madras is the stronghold of the Moderate
and National Home Rule parties. Their
touching faith in the good intentions of the
Bureaucracy and in the adequacy of the
Reform Scheme remains wholly unshaken.
They are ardently looking forward to active
cooperation with the Bureaucracy with a
view to carry the scheme to success. Since
the Nationalists have given the go-by to the
Reforms, leaders of the above-mentioned
parties have, naturally enough, begun to
regard themselves as the heirs of the future
and have, since the elections, been dilating
on the special responsibility that has now
devolved on them as the accredited guardians
of the interest of the country. It goes
without saying, of course, that they have
been expecting to "cooperate" with Govern-
ment not merely as non-official members of
the Legislative Council, but as Ministers
and members of the Executive Council as
well. Imagine, therefore, their bewilder-
ment on finding that, instead of being nudged
by the Bureaucracy for all the sacrifices
they have made, they are left in the cold in
a most contemptuous manner. Our con-
temporary "New India" is reliably in-
formed that not one of the four Executive
Council members and the three Ministers of
the reformed Government of Madras will
belong to either the Moderate or the Na-
tional Home Rule League parties! The
official choice, it says, has fallen on Mr. K.
S. Aiyangar, Advocate-General, and Mr.
Habibullah Sahab Bahadur, both of them
strongly pro-official, for the two posts of
Indian members of the Executive Council,
while all the three Ministers are to be
chosen from the reactionary Justice janta.
Our contemporary is consequently bitterly
disappointed and is gnashing its teeth and
tearing its hair in indignation. It charac-
terises Lord Willingdon's steps as "a fatal,
stupendous blunder", which would certain-
ly have "far-reaching results to the prej-
udice of the healthy development of the
Presidency." It is apparent that our
Moderate friends expected eggs to grow on
the thorn tree, and hence they are dis-
appointed at their non-appearance at the
expected hour. We do not mean to say that
the Bureaucracy will not, in its own self-
interest, seek to placate the Moderates by
conceding some ministerial posts on them
here and there, but if they expect the
Bureaucracy to surrender the strings of
real power into their hands, they will be
truly counting without their host. We hope
the lessons of "cooperation", as viewed by
the local Bureaucracy, will not be lost on
our Madras friends.

A Government Bargain!

"Capital" learns from a somewhat
authoritative source that the Railway
Board has already entered into contracts
with the Bengal coal companies for the
supply of nine million tons of coal, the
delivery of which is to be spread over
three years at the rate of three million
tons a year.

The rates are as follows:—

Second class coal	Rs. 25
First class coal	9 8
First class selected	10 8
Desborough	11 8

Three millions a year represent only half
the Indian railway requirements. There
will, with these and still better rates, be a
vamp for the other half. A ton of coal
costs Rs. 2-8 to raise and it is easy to
calculate from the above figures the scale
of profit given to the lucky collieries that
have secured the railway contracts. The
rates we have quoted are roughly double
those of the contracts for 1921! Such are
the fruits of cooperation in business.

NAVAL BUILDING PROGRAMMES.

FIFTY PER CENT REDUCTION ADVOCATED.

SENATOR BORAH'S RESOLUTION.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 14.
Reed. 2-15 p.m., Dec. 17.

Washington.—In the Senate, Senator Borah introduced a resolution requesting President Wilson to negotiate with Britain and Japan for an agreement to reduce naval building programmes by fifty per cent. in the next five years and declaring that the Congress was of opinion that America would make such reductions if an agreement could be reached. The resolution also asserted that the navies of Britain and Japan were the only ones sufficiently powerful to require American attention. The resolution was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee without debate.

Speaking afterwards before the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives, the Secretary for the Navy opposed Senator Borah's proposal. He said that such an agreement with two or three nations would be a blunder and almost a crime. Until a world agreement had been established for the settlement of disputes without recourse to arms the United States must adhere to its naval programme.

A later Washington telegram says that there is reason to believe that Senator Borah's resolution in no way accords with the views of Mr. Harding who has already expressed his decided opinion in favour of a strong American Navy, as well as a strong commercial fleet.

AMERICAN NAVAL BUILDING.

WOULD JAPAN SUPPORT DISARMAMENT?

(REUTER'S SPECIAL SERVICE.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.
Reed. 9-20 a.m., Dec. 18.

Washington.—In course of his resolution Senator Borah refers to the fact that a Japanese official announced that Japan could not consent to consider disarmament account of the American naval building programme. The resolution declares however that the Senate believes Japan to be sincerely desirous to support the programme of disarmament while America also favours the practical programme. Senator Borah speaking privately said that his plan would show whether Britain and Japan were sincere in their talk of reducing armaments.

DISPOSITION OF GERMAN CABLES.

PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENT ARRIVED AT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 14.
Reed. 2-15 p.m., Dec. 17.

Washington.—While the Communications Conference has achieved nothing with regard to the future disposition of German cables, a *modus vivendi* has been reached, whereby the present handling of the cables will continue until March 15th. Meanwhile the deliberations will be continued by the Ambassadors of countries participating, while the delegates will return home to report to their Governments. Britain, Italy and Japan agreed to this arrangement, the last named only after much persuasion, but France refused to assent to it. If no agreement is reached by March 15th, "the Powers reserve to themselves all rights of action." This probably only means that the whole question will be threshed out at a plenary conference.

DISPOSITION OF GERMAN CABLES.

UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.
Reed. 11-30 p.m., Dec. 17.

New York.—The State Department states that the cable *modus vivendi* has now been made unanimous. It therefore appears that France has also agreed to the arrangement.

HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

DEMPSEY KNOCKS OUT BRENNAN.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.
Reed. 11-30 p.m., Dec. 17.

New York.—In the contest for the Heavy-Weight Championship of the World, Dempsey knocked out Brennan in the twelfth round.

DEMPSEY-DRENNAN FIGHT.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL SERVICE.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.
Reed. 9-20 a.m., Dec. 18.

New York.—Dempsey-Drennan fight was a hard one. Dempsey had rather better of matters throughout and gradually wore his opponent down. In the twelfth round he sent stunning right to heart and left hook to stomach. Brennan crumpled up and a right smash to heart ended fight.

IRISH TRUCE.

PREMIER'S READINESS TO DISCUSS.

LABOUR MEMBERS' WELCOME.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 14.
Reed. 11-30 a.m., Dec. 17.

A meeting of the Labour Party at the House of Commons passed a resolution welcoming Mr. Lloyd George's statement in the House of Commons on December 10th regarding his readiness to discuss truce with Ireland, expressing the hope that the Sinn Féiners would accept the offer and regretting the imposition of Martial law as endangering the prospects of peace.

AUXILIARY POLICE AT CORK

MILITARY AUTHORITIES' CENSURE UNFOUNDED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.
Reed. 11-50 p.m., Dec. 17.

In the House of Commons Mr. Denis Henry stated that an auxiliary police had moved from Cork City to the West Cork district but the suggestion that the military authorities had censured them for their conduct was unfounded.

REJECTION OF HEALTH BILL.

ITS SERIOUS EFFECTS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.
Reed. 1-10 a.m., Dec. 18.

The House of Lords last night rejected the Ministry of Health Bill. This will seriously affect the Ministry's housing plans as the building subsidy will now cease on December 31st whereas the Bill extended it to April next. Private builders are at present constructing 25,000 houses hoping to earn a subsidy. Up to the present only four thousand houses have been completed. Another effect of the rejection will be to prevent the execution of the Ministry's plans to relieve congestion in voluntary hospitals by empowering the County Councils to acquire poor-law infirmaries. The last-named provision is one of the principal reasons for the rejection as it is likely to throw the whole poor-law administration into confusion. The last Government measure which was defeated in the House of Lords was the Welsh Disestablishment Bill in 1912 which was subsequently enacted under the Parliament Act.

HEALTH BILL.

REJECTED IN LORDS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 14.
Reed. 11-30 a.m., Dec. 17.

In the House of Lords the second reading of the Health Bill was rejected by 57 votes to 41 on the ground that the Bill was rushed from the House of Commons without due consideration and that insufficient time was allowed for its examination by the House of Lords.

REJECTION OF HEALTH BILL.

PAYMENT TO PRIVATE BUILDERS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 18.
Reed. 1-10 a.m., Dec. 18.

In view of the rejection of the Ministry of Health Bill it is expected that the legislation will shortly be introduced to secure a payment to private builders of subsidy until December 31st, 1921.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT.

URGES ECONOMY IN EVERY DEPARTMENT

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 18.
Reed. 1-10 a.m., Dec. 18.

The Fourth Report of the Committee of Public Accounts says that necessity for economy in every department of public life if national bankruptcy is to be avoided is not yet sufficiently recognised. The report points out that the nation's former wide margin of taxable capacity has disappeared. The report insists upon the necessity for the heads of departments cooperating in a careful spending of the public funds.

NEW SILVER COINAGE IN CIRCULATION.

OLD COINAGE TO BE DEMONETIZED

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 14.
Reed. 11-30 a.m., Dec. 17.

Mr. Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons that the silver in circulation in the United Kingdom was estimated at sixty millions sterling. The new coinage consisting of half the alloy had been prepared to the amount of five millions and an additional two millions would be ready in the next three months. The older coinage would be demonetized in due course, but not for years.

SHOULD 15,000 BE RENDERED HOMELESS?

PROTEST AGAINST TATA HYDRO ELECTRIC SCHEME.

MR. KELKER ADVOCATES SATYAGRAHA.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

POONA, Dec. 16.

On the invitation of the residents of fifty-four villages of the Mulshi Petta, in Poona District, Mr. N. C. Kelkar recently visited fifteen villages. A meeting was held at Mulshi on the 15th instant, which was largely attended by people from 54 villages, which will be submerged by water under the new hydro-electric scheme of the Tata Powers Company. Mr. Kelkar was elected President of the meeting. In his opening speech he traced the history of the question and then dealt with the legal aspect of the Land Acquisition Act. He said public purpose is not defined in the Act—but even granting that the Bombay residents and mill-owners will be provided with electric lights and power from this source and the local Bombay trains will be propelled by electric power, to deprive fifteen thousand people of their hearths and homes and turn them out of their ancestral lands and temples of ancient sanctity, is both illegal and unjust.

He pertinently asked the Government to take a plebiscite of Bombay residents and inquire whether they were willing to make fifteen thousand of their countrymen homeless in order to get smokeless mills and railways. Further, he said, that the Tata firm at present is in no sense purely Indian, as the capital is mostly foreign and the management also is foreign. He dwelt on the injustice involved and said if people resort to Satyagraha they will be completely justified. He blamed Government for the injustice, adding that it was their interested support which gave the Tatas their power. He deplored that the Governor had not condescended even to meet a deputation on the excuse of want of time. The people of Mulshi, he said, were the famous Marvils of Shivaji and the part which would be submerged by the hydro-electric scheme was a great rice producing tract knowing no famine and rice is the staple food of the country. It was, he declared, an injustice to deprive the people of their lands. The compensation was merely nominal and could never be a recompense for the great loss. The grievances are aggravated by the high-handedness of the Tata officers. A resolution protesting against the injustice and expressing the sense of the meeting in favour of Satyagraha and drawing the attention of the Indian National Congress to the grievance, was proposed by the local agriculturists and was passed. A second resolution, asking the people not to co-operate with the Tatas was also passed. Messrs. Gokhale, Palsule, Awate Gunjal and Bhushkute, who accompanied Mr. Kelkar, made strong speeches on the resolutions.

Considerable bitter feeling prevails against the Tatas and the Government.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE.

JURISDICTION OF THE COURT

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.
Reed. 1-10 a.m., Dec. 18.

Geneva.—The Council of the League has approved the protocol voted by the Assembly establishing a permanent International Court of Justice. The protocol includes a clause by which signatories may declare jurisdiction of the court immediately compulsory on certain legal questions. The Council adopted the report establishing the International Commission to institute a scheme of international credits to allow the impoverished nations to procure necessary resources.

WHITE SLAVE CONVENTIONS.

ASSEMBLY'S RESOLUTION.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.
Reed. 1-10 a.m., Dec. 18.

Geneva.—The Assembly has passed a resolution inviting the Governments immediately to enforce the White Slave Conventions of 1904 and 1910 and to send representatives to the International Conference which is meeting shortly for the purpose of arranging a joint action.

"BARBARISM OF RUSSIAN TROOPS."

A COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY TO BE APPOINTED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.
Reed. 1-10 a.m., Dec. 18.

Zoka-ed-Dowlen (Persia) claimed that in the event of the commission going to Armenia it should go to Persia where barbarism of the Russian Tsarist troops was being experienced. He urged that the Persian women and children stolen by the Russians should be repatriated. Eventually it was decided that the commission should be sent to Armenia, Turkey and adjacent territories while the Council should be asked to appoint a commission of enquiry with regard to the deportation of women and children from these regions.

A KHAN BAHADUR'S FUNERAL.

EXAMINATION OF THE ACCUSED.

ONE REFUSES TO MAKE STATEMENT.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

DELHI, Dec. 16.

In the district jail to-day, hearing of the case against Abdullah and others was resumed. A huge crowd waited outside the gate. Admission was by tickets and with the exception of Counsel, the accused and press representatives no one else was let in. Before the actual hearing commenced Mr. Zikurul Rahman, counsel for the defence submitted that in order to facilitate the case for the defence and also for the sake of justice, it would be fair to admit the near relations of the accused. The court allowed eight men for the four accused who were determined to have ten tickets for each. They were afterwards willing to compromise at 5 each, but the court did not agree to any number above ten for all. This was refused by the accused.

DID HE DIE A KAFFIR?
Mr. Zikurul Rahman, continuing his cross examination of Abdul Latif, the eldest son of late Khan Bahadur was retorting the witness to the dictates of Koran to show that his father died a Kaffir. For instance, according to Koran anyone who too interest on money was a Kaffir and as his father used to take interest he was also a Kaffir. Here the Public Prosecutor interrupted and said he never contended that the Mahomedans were not bound to their religion. Prosecution was based on political matters as distinct from religious bindings. Burial was refused because the late Khan Bahadur had refused to renounce his title and opposed the Non-Cooperation movement. The defence case should therefore confine itself to prove that any man who was opposed to Non-Cooperation and refused to give up title was a Kaffir according to the dictates of Islam. Counsel for the defence replied that according to the dictates of Islam politics and religion went together and he wanted the witness to acknowledge that in the same circumstances which surrounded his father's death he would himself, according to the commandments of his religion, refuse burial of his father in a Mahomedan cemetery. Public prosecutor suggested that the question should be put direct as to whether the deceased died a Kaffir. The defence pleaded that witness being a son of the deceased could never openly call his father a Kaffir. He must be made to admit from the conduct of his father that he died a Kaffir and that as such Moslems were justified in preventing his interment in the Moslem graveyard.

Prosecution:—Why did the Moslems then allow the burial afterwards?

Defence: Because it was announced later on that the deceased died repenting for his past sins. Moreover refusal to give up the titles was only one of the cases of his being called a Kaffir.

Witness further stated that his father was a member of the Juma Mosque Committee but he admitted that membership was not due to public election. His father had also voted at Aligarh for censure of conduct of the recognised leaders like Hakim Ajmal Khan.

In reply to Mr. Abdul Aziz, second counsel for defence, witness admitted that Moulvi Kapatulla was the only recognised man in Delhi to give fatwas and the public were demanding his fatwa before allowing the burial.

A CONSTABLE'S EVIDENCE.

The public prosecutor then produced Abdul Ghani, C. I. D., constable the last prosecution witness in his examination in chief. Witness recognised all the four accused as being present in the crowd that had gathered at the late Khan Bahadur's house and at Turkoman Gate. Out of the four accused Abdullah was outside the crowd in front of it. Cross-examined by Mr. Rauf Ali witness stated that he was placed on duty in connection with the funeral by Lala Kishi Kesh, C. I. D., Inspector. In his report he mentioned five people, four of them being all the accused and fifth being Wari Abbas Hussain, Editor of the "Pateh," Delhi. Abdullah was not in any way exciting the people but he was asking them to keep at 50 yards distance from the house of a Kaffir. From his conversation with the members of people he gathered that the general impression amongst the literate and illiterate people was that the deceased had died a Kaffir as he was opposed to Non-Cooperation. This closed the evidence for prosecution.

EXAMINATION OF ACCUSED.

The Court then proceeded with the examination of the four accused. Maulana Abdullah said he never interfered with the corpse nor did he ever abuse it or the relatives of the deceased. He came to know of the trouble at 11 o'clock and immediately after proceeded to the Turkoman Gate where he found the public demanding a fatwa from the relatives before allowing its interment on the ground that the deceased died a Kaffir. Witness also found that among the whole body who accompanied the corpse he knew only Mohamed Mian whom he addressed saying that as people were demanding a fatwa there should be no difficulty in obtaining it. The crowd was on one side of the road while the dead body was placed on the other. Witness did not intimidate the relatives of the deceased. He thought there was nothing extraordinary in the demand of the public which should have aggravated the feelings of the relatives. Asked by the Court what led him to join the crowd the witness replied that at 11 o'clock on the morning of 3rd December he heard that a crowd of people was opposing the interment of a corpse on the ground of the deceased being a Kaffir. It was in his (witness's) nature to go and settle public disputes. His whole life was a record of that sort of service. He also thought that if a corpse were to

INDIA'S STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION.

BRITISH LABOUR'S PLEDGE.

MR. SPOOR'S FAITH IN NON-COOPERATION

"EMPTYING SCHOOLS WILL SHAKE GOVERNMENT PRESTIGE."

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The following is the authorised version of the interview with Mr. Spoor, taken on behalf of "Young India" and other papers:—

Q.—Mr. Spoor, I understand the Labour Conference adopted a resolution in favour of Self-Determination in India at its last sessions, and if so, am I to understand your Party was pledged to support the Indian National Congress, if it claims Swarajya, according to the wishes of the people of India?

A.—Yes, I moved that resolution myself. There was no qualification about it whatsoever. Having adopted it, my Party certainly has pledged itself to a policy of Self-Determination, and will continue to strive that principle being secured, and applied.

Q.—Then it follows that the Labour Party is bound to support the Congress in this claim, when they come into power?

A.—Certainly, there is no logical obstacle to that.

Q.—What are the prospects of the Labour Party's coming into power?

A.—I am no prophet, but I will tell you our intentions. We will contest about 600 seats at the next elections. The prospect of securing, at least 200, are exceedingly good. So that, you see if we do not come into power at the next election, but during the life of the next Parliament, very likely, Labour will come into power. If you like, I will give you my reasons. The Liberal Party has almost ceased to exist in Britain. That does not mean that Liberalism is dead, but in an increasing degree, true Liberalism is functioning through the Labour Party. Thus it is quite clear that we shall have two parties on one side and the Tory and Capitalist on another.

Q.—Mr. Spoor, you realize the serious situation created by the Punjab and Khilafat tragedies. What do you think your countrymen would have done under such circumstances?

A.—Why, the whole of our history is an answer to that question. Far back in the fourteenth century we had a Peasant Rising, and, you know, other events that have made Britain the freest country in the world. Our people would never have rested without a serious resistance.

Q.—You mean by resistance that there would have been violence?

A.—Yes, I fear so.

Q.—Then, don't you think it is rather difficult, if not impossible, for the westerners to understand and appreciate the spiritual aspect of the Non-Cooperation movement in India, because of their training and outlook?

A.—Yes, this is largely true. It strikes me, I may be wrong, that the conception is essentially Eastern, but while I say this, I must also say that there are men who do recognise this truth.

Q.—Do you think Egypt profited by boycotting the Milner Mission?

A.—The independent, manly attitude of the Egyptians did impress England, and influenced the decisions of the Commission for good.

Q.—Have you not, during your tour in this part of the country, noticed everywhere ideas regarding the Non-Violent character of Non-Cooperation, and universal brotherhood being preached and inculcated among the people?

A.—Yes, at all the meetings, that I have attended I have found great emphasis put on the Non-Violent character of Non-Cooperation. The speeches that I have heard have, as their back ground, ideas of universal brotherhood rather than narrow nationalism, and people seemed to respond to these sentiments.

MR. GANDHI'S PROPAGANDA.

Q.—You appreciate then that Mr. Gandhi's propaganda has been successful in that direction?

A.—I certainly believe in the moral value of Mr. Gandhi's propaganda. This does not of course, commit me to the support of it, as I am immediately for a practical step.

Q.—Of course, you mean to see that for

reach the graveyard and the public were to object to its burial a dispute would result and the exigency which would shock his mind and the exigency which would hasten to the agitation. He therefore hastened to the Turkoman Gate with a view to prevent any disturbance and he was proud to say that it was a result of his efforts that eventually the dead was buried amidst great honour. It was this sense of duty to the public which led him to that scene.

Mohamed Ishaw, the second accused said he did not abuse anybody nor did he interfere with the corpse. In fact by the time he reached the Turkoman Gate the funeral was being carried back to the house of the deceased. He was present in the crowd in the capacity of the commandant of a volunteer corps to preserve order among the crowd. He did not intimidate anybody.

NO INTERFERENCE.

Syed Aziz Hussain, third accused said he did not interfere with the corpse nor did he abuse or intimidate any of the relatives of the deceased. He saw people at Turkoman

Bate demanding fatwa and he came to Juma Mosque for his prayers. Afterwards he learnt that the dead body had been brought back. He accordingly went to the place and found that after the relatives had expressed that the deceased had repented at his death bed the public got pacified and the burial was allowed. He was not in any way concerned or connected with the public cry. The only reason why his name had appeared was that Nan Dhadh Minis of local C. I. D. who accompanied Mr. Abdul Majid while he made a statement before Deputy Commissioner suggested the name of the witness as they were not on good terms for a long time. It was merely on instruction from this C. I. D. man that his name was brought in.

Mr. Asat Hasvi the fourth accused said "I want to say most respectfully that as I am a Non-Cooperator and as it is my duty not to recognise these courts I refuse to make any statement or answer any query."

At this stage the Court adjourned till 18th.

BOMBAY CONGRESS COMMITTEE.

DISCUSSION ON CONGRESS FINANCE

CONSIDERATION ON PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDING

The adjourned meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee was held yesterday evening in the Bombay Association Rooms. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Vaidya, Mr. U. K. Trivedi took the chair. At the outset the Chairman wanted to rule that no report of the proceedings should be supplied to the Press except by the Secretaries. Mr. R. Venkat Ram protested against such view and said that the committee could not dictate to the press as to what should or should not publish in their columns. He remembered how at the time of the First Moderate Conference held in this city, the draft resolutions came to be published by an extraordinary journal in spite of the almost precautions taken by the organizers and to their deep chagrin. If that were so, how could they resent their proceedings being reported? He added that the proceedings were a matter of public interest, and if any newspaper were enterprising enough to publish a report of the proceedings, the Committee could certainly not complain nor could they have any grievance. Mr. Gulabchand Devchand also demurred to the chairman's view. He defended the rights of the Press. The press, he thought, had every right to publishing the reports of the proceedings of the committee. Besides there was nothing on the Committee record which expressly prohibited such publication. Hidden reports of the proceedings had appeared in the papers and nobody said they were official reports. But they had not felt aggrieved thereby. If thought fit the Secretaries might supply an official report to the Press. As things stood, they could not take exception to publication of reports of committee's proceedings.

MR. KHARE'S CONTENTION.
Mr. Khare, one of the secretaries, said he was not aware of any prohibition that the Chairman had referred to. But he was aware that reports or some of the past meetings had appeared in the Press, but he could assure them those were not official reports.

An attempt was made to get a resolution passed to the effect that no reports of proceedings unless signed by the Secretaries should be published in the Press. There was a strong protest against the attempt. It was pointed out that it was not competent for the committee to pass any such proposition. Finally the attempt was dropped and on the suggestion of the chairman an ineffective resolution to the effect that the secretaries should send the Press authorized versions of committee's proceedings was adopted. Before resuming further consideration of the Draft Constitution Mr. Khare referred to the position at the time of adjournment on Wednesday. He said that Article X dealing with the return of the delegates was considered by priority and that the position was that the clause restricting the number of delegates had been negative and it was left to them to consider the remaining clauses of the article.

Mr. Venkat Ram took exception to the statement and explained that what had happened was that the then chairman Mr. Vaidya had affirmatively declared that the whole of Article X was lost and the proposition moved by Mr. Lalit and seconded by the speaker that the existing practice returning delegates to the Congress had adhered to had been passed.

Mr. Lalit endorsed Mr. Venkat Ram's statement. As a result of further explanations and counter-explanations, Mr. Venkat Ram's explanation was accepted and the chairman ruled that it was not competent for the meeting to reopen the question.

Article XX of the existing constitution was substituted for Article X of the draft constitution.

One important point dealing with the numbers of delegates to be returned to the Congress, having been disposed of, the meeting went on to consider Articles III to IX (both inclusive). Articles 3, 4, and 5 were discussed at considerable length and several amendments were moved and discussed. Article 3 dealing with the sessions of the Congress was adopted as in the draft. In Article 4, dealing with the Congress organization, a fresh clause was added to include, as in the existing constitution, "Political Associations and other public bodies recognized by or affiliated to the Provincial Congress Committees." In Article 5, age limit for Congress membership was recommended at 21 for men and 18 in the case of women. Article 6 which dealt with the Constitution of Provincial Congress Committees or "circles" as was amended by the meeting was thoroughly discussed and was adopted with amendment of a drastic character more or less whose effect is that besides the 15 units recommended to be created on a linguistic basis by the Congress Sub-Committee, separate units will have to be created in the case of Bombay Island and Suburbs, Calcutta City and Suburbs, Madras City and Suburbs and every other city having a population of more than two lakhs. Another amendment which sought to separate Assam from General, for purposes of the Congress was defeated. When this article was being discussed, Mr. Trivedi vacated the chair and Mr. Hansraj Pragji Thackeri took it. The discussion on this question though somewhat excited at times, was not bereft of humour and Mr. Tairsee caused great laughter and diversion among the members. "remarking that he was ready to accept the suggestion for coupling the suburbs with Bombay Island but in that case they would have to appoint a Sub-Committee to determine the

suburbs. There were shouts of "the Delegation Committee will look after it" and "Let us go to the Municipal Corporation."

CONGRESS FINANCE.

The meeting then proceeded to a consideration of Article 19 and 20 which deals with Congress Finance and auditing of accounts. There were two proposals before the meeting—one drafted by the Sub-Committee and the other drafted by the Council of the Congress Committee.

The Sub-Committee's draft reads thus:—

ARTICLE XIX.
The Reception Committee shall hand over to the All-India Congress Committee the termination of the Congress session, ordinary or extraordinary, and this amount shall be remitted by the All-India Congress Committee to the British Congress Committee within one month of the Congress session. The balance remaining with the Reception Committee after meeting all the expenses shall be handed over to the All-India Congress Committee within three months of the termination of the session. If the amount of half the delegation fees is not sufficient to defray the expenses of the British Congress Committee, the All India Congress Committee shall make adequate provision for the same from its own funds.

ARTICLE XX.
The receipts and expenditure of the Reception Committee shall be audited by an Auditor or Auditors appointed by the All-India Congress Committee.

The Council's draft is as follows:—
Article 19:—(a) The Reception Committee shall through the Provincial Congress Circle in which Congress was held remit half the delegation fees after the termination of the Congress session, ordinary or extraordinary to form the Congress Fund.

(b) That the All-India Congress Committee shall out of this fund maintain the British Congress Committee and spend the balance on Congress propaganda in India. (c) If the Reception Committee has balance after defraying all the expenses of the session, it shall hand over the same to the Provincial Congress Committee of the Province in which the session was held to form the Provincial Congress fund for that particular Province. (d) If the Reception Committee finds that its expenses have exceeded the income realized from the session, the All-India Congress Committee will have to make good the deficit.

Article 20:—The receipt and expenditure of the Reception Committee shall be audited by an Auditor or Auditors appointed by the Provincial Congress Circle.

There was much desultory and informal discussion, but as it was already late and several members seemed to be impatient to get away, the meeting agreed to postpone further consideration of the matter till this evening and then adjourned. The Committee meets again this evening at 5-30 in the Presidency Association Rooms.

CONGRESS AND THE MERCHANT COMMUNITY.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
NAGPUR, Dec. 16.
Seth Jamanlal Bajaj, Chairman of the Reception Committee of the Congress, has appealed to the merchant community in general and to the Marwaris in particular to attend the congress. Speeches on Non-Cooperation are being delivered every day.

B. O. C. OFFICERS ASSAULTED.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
MADRAS, Dec. 16.
Messrs. Smith Simons and Scott, officers of the Burma Oil Company, Tondiarpet, were assaulted by a band of men while they were out for a walk. The assailants, it is stated, rushed first at Mr. Scott and attacked him with sticks and stones and afterwards held up Mr. Simons, against whom they used sticks and knives inflicting serious wounds. This officer is now in a patient in the General Hospital. The police are investigating the case, but no arrests have been made yet.

MYSORE CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS.

NON-OFFICIAL SCHEME TO BE PUBLISHED SOON.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
BANGALORE, Dec. 17.
For some time past there has been a growing demand in the Mysore State for constitutional reforms. And it has been brought to the forefront, especially since such changes were introduced in British India.

At the first sessions of the People's Convention last year, two committees were appointed, one to draft a scheme of constitutional reforms, and the other to consider the draft scheme. Meeting of these two committees are fixed to be held on the 26th instant, when it is expected that the Non-official scheme will be placed before public.

RANGOON UNIVERSITY BOYCOTT.

STRONG APPEAL BY "WELL-WISHERS"

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
RANGOON, Dec. 17.
An authoritative Statement issued, states that the Rangoon University examination will be held in 1921. The strike situation is unchanged, but a strong appeal, issued by well wishers, asks the boycotters to return to the colleges en masse, subsequently taking steps to develop national institutions. This appeal is a middle course between the two views held on "Boycott." The Rangoon College resumed lectures on Thursday, with forty per cent. of students on the roll.

BOMBAY NATIONAL HOME RULE LEAGUE.

LAST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

The adjourned annual general meeting of the Bombay Branch of the National Home Rule League was held recently under the presidency of Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas, when the annual report and the statement of accounts for the year ending March 1920, were adopted. The report, among other things, stated:—

In the year under report much useful work has been done. Immediately after the League was started, Mrs. Besant, President of the League, headed the National Home Rule League Deputation to England and our Branch had the privilege of sending 2 of its members, Mr. P. K. Telang and Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas on the deputation. Our Branch also remitted £600 to Mrs. Besant for work in England on the occasion of Mrs. Besant's Birthday.

LITERATURE.

The following literature was issued during the year under report:—

5,000 letters by a Onalooker, 2,000 N. H. R. League memoranda, question, and answers arising out of the Government of India Bill and Mrs. Besant's statement before the Joint Committee (English); 10,000 N. H. R. League Memorandum, question, and answers arising out of the Government of India Bill and Mrs. Besant's statement before the Joint Committee (Gujarati); 10,000 Proposal for winning Swaraj (Gujarati); 10,000 Reforms Rules (Gujarati); 10,000 Responsibility of a Journal (Gujarati); 10,000 Patriotism (Gujarati); 10,000 The Way Out (Gujarati); 10,000 Wounded to death (Gujarati); 10,000 Responsibility of a Journal (Marathi) by Dr. Rabindranath Tagore and 500 Minute of Dissent by Sir Sankaran Nair, 1,000 N. H. R. League, why and how founded.

The vernacular pamphlets were originally written by Mrs. Besant in a English. Our Branch was "At Home" to Mrs. Besant on her return from England. Mrs. Besant was "At Home" to meet Lala Lajpat Rai.

The League joined the All-India Home Rule League, the Indian Home Rule League, the National Union and the local Provincial Congress Committee in the reception held in honour of Sir Sankaran Nair.

Our Branch joined the local political bodies in public meetings for the reception of Mr. B. G. Tilak on his return from England and Messrs. Mahomed Ali and Shaikat Ali.

Mrs. Besant, accompanied by Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas, President of the Branch, went on a Lecturing Tour to Ahmedabad, Nadiad, Broach and Surat, lecturing on the Reforms.

Seven lectures were held under the auspices of the Branch from July 1919 to March 1920, the speakers being Mr. R. G. Pradhan, Mrs. Besant, Mr. P. K. Telang, the Hon. Mr. Paranjpye, and Mr. Mowji Gorindji Mr. G. B. Vaidya, Mr. Ratanji D. Waramsey, Mr. J. B. Petit, Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas and Mr. K. Natranjan presided over one or more of the meetings.

In the month of March last, a rapprochement was made with the All-India Home Rule League and Messrs. Jamnadas Dwarkadas and Kanji Dwarkadas, 2 members of our Branch were elected members of the Managing Committee of the Home Rule League and the members of the latter Branch co-opted with them during the Jallia-walla-Bagh Memorial Week.

The statement of accounts shows that the total expenditure for the year was Rs. 2,686-15-6 excluding £600 remitted to Mrs. Besant mentioned in the report above, leaving a balance of Rs. 379-9-9.

The Office-bearers and members of the Managing Committee elected for the current year are as follows:—

President, Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas; Vice Presidents, Mr. Ratanji D. Waramsey, Dr. V. S. Trilokar, Mr. Mayji Govindji; Hon. Secretaries, Mr. Krunji Dwarkadas, Mr. Hariharan K. Mehta; Hon. Treasurers, Mr. Madhavji D. Morariji, Dr. Yeshwant M. Sanghvi; Members, Mr. J. D. Mahasmi, Mr. J. T. Gilder, Mr. S. V. Rao, Mr. S. V. Mulgaoker, Mr. Ramsing Dongring, Mrs. Hirabai A. Tata, Mr. A. K. Bawa, Mr. Jalbhoy H. Billimoria, Mr. R. S. Bhagwati, Mr. Govind N. Paranjpye.

DR. SAPRU ENTERTAINED.

HIS BELIEF IN THE REFORMS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
ALLAHABAD, Dec. 15.
Hon. Dr. Tej Bahadur Sapru, Law Member elect, as been the recipient of many farewell entertainments from friends during the week. At the dinner given by Newspapers limited the new member after paying tribute to Mr. Chintamani, the Editor, criticised the Non-Cooperation movement, especially that item of it which related to students. He rightly described those who demanded unconditional surrender on the part of students as instigators in creating slave mentality, which they profess they are attempting to destroy. He referred to the reforms and said while they are not perfect, there was good deal which could be said in favour of them. "I do believe," he said, "one solid fact of the situation is that we have got clear elected majority in the Legislative Assembly and in the Legislative Council and if we know how to make use of that majority, I think there is a good deal of the present situation which can make success of the powers which we have in our hands."

Official & Personal.

Navab Nasirul-Mamalak-Akting Presian Consul-General left Bombay for Calcutta on Friday by the Nagpur Mail.

ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE AND VOLUNTEERS.

IMPROVED CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 14.
Recd. 11-30 a.m., Dec. 14.

Introducing in the House of Commons the Supplementary Naval Estimates of six and a half million sterling Sir James Craig explained that they were due inter alia to increases in sailors' pay. He paid a tribute to the war services by the Royal Naval Reserve and the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (cheers) and announced that the Admiralty had decided to maintain them in a similar way to before the war, but with improved conditions of service. He concluded by emphasising that the Admiralty's policy was one of most scrupulous economy.

NAVAL BUILDING.

CONSTRUCTION OF DESTROYERS.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)
Recd. 1-10 a.m. Dec. 15.
In the House of Commons at the question time, Capt. Craig stated that Britain was constructing six destroyers, the United States 63 Japan 8, France 1, and Italy 9.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY UNSUITED TO SHIP LIFE.

LORD INCHCAPE AT INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING FEDERATION.
(REUTERS SPECIAL SERVICE.)
LONDON, Dec. 15.
Recd. 0-20 a.m., Dec. 15.

Presiding at the International Shipping Federation luncheon at the Savoy Hotel, to Mr. Albert Thomas, President of the International Labour Office of the League of Nations, Lord Inchcape said that the eight-hour day was not suited to ship life. The idea that it would give more employment was a fundamental error.

EASTERN EXTENSION TELEGRAPH CO.

MADRAS-SINGAPORE CABLE.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 15.
Recd. 11-50 p.m., Dec. 17.

At the annual meeting of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, Sir Donald Macdonald, President, said that an additional cable of a large carrying capacity which the Company had arranged to lay between Madras and Singapore was now being manufactured and he expected that it would be laid and opened for traffic early in 1921.

CABLE ITEM

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 18.
Recd. 1-10 a.m., Dec. 18.

A message from Sarreguemines (Lorraine) states that 17 people have been killed and 52 injured in a collision between a train crowded with miners and a goods train.

CHAMBER OF PRINCES.

REPRESENTATION OF SMALLER STATES.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
DELHI, Dec. 16.

The Committee of Princes appointed by the conference of Ruling Princes and Chiefs which met in November 1919, has recently been in session at Delhi to consider questions regarding the representation of smaller states in the Chamber of Princes, the agenda for the chamber and other matters. Their Highnesses the Maharajas of Alwar, Bikaner, Patiala, the Maharao of Cutch and the Nawab of Malerkotla came to Delhi for the meetings, which were also attended by the Hon. Sir George Lowndes and the Political Secretary Sir Thomas Holland, the President of the Railway Board, The Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs and the representatives of the Commerce Department of the Government of India also helped the committee with their advice.

NOMINATIONS TO NEW COUNCILS.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S POWERS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
DELHI, Dec. 16.

Communique:—Under the Council of State Electoral Rules 27, members are to be nominated by the Governor-General. If these, one is a person to be nominated as a result of the election held in Berar and of the remainder not more than twenty must be officials.

Under the Legislative Assembly Electoral Rules, 41 members are to be nominated, of whom 26 are to be officials and one, person nominated as a result of the election held in Berar. A notification nominating certain officials to be members of the Council of State and Legislative Assembly will shortly be issued. Those nominations are necessary in order to enable notices and other business to be dealt with. It has been decided to nominate men who have been elected at the elections held at Berar. His Excellency, however, proposes to defer making other non-official nominations to these bodies, until he has seen and considered the results of all elections in the Provinces. Sometimes therefore must elapse before the complete list of nominated members can be issued.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR DELHI.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
DELHI, Dec. 16.

A meeting of the citizens of Delhi was held at Ghazibad last evening. Hakim Ajmal Khan presided. Swami Shradha Nand was amongst those present. Two resolutions were passed, one protesting against the recent orders of the Delhi Government bringing into force the sedition meeting act and the criminal law amendment act in Delhi and the second suggesting the establishment of a National University in Delhi. A Committee consisting of Dr. Ansari, Messrs. L. Sultan Singh, L. Piyare Lal, Asaf Ali, S. Mohd. Tayi Lal, Shanker Lal and Swami Shradha Nand was formed to organise the university.

DELHI ELECTRIC COMPANY STRIKE

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
DELHI, Dec. 16.

The strike in the Delhi Tramway and Electric Co., continues. The supply is maintained as usual. A few more men have been engaged and the pressure is slightly relieved. It is probable that he made for employment of further men in the near future. Mr. M. C. Donegan is opening no pains to keep the powers station running and upto the present time the supply has been unrestricted. The power consumers have also been allowed the use of current as usual throughout the day and during the usual hours at night. The public are supporting the company by using no additional lights.

RICKSHAW PULLERS' STRIKE IN RANGOON.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
RANGOON, Dec. 17.

The rickshaw pullers, Rangoon, refused to take-out rickshaws yesterday, firing charges having been fired by eight men, which they consider unjust. The appearance of streets is remarkably affected by their absence.

KHILAFAT SPECIAL BULLETIN

We are requested to state that the above special cannot issue any more third class tickets and that a few second class tickets are still available. Money should be paid and a voucher obtained from the office at 72 Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay. Those who have given information and have not yet paid may kindly pay above as otherwise those paying cash preference will be given to those paying cash.

TIME TABLE OF KHILAFAT SPECIAL.

Bombay	V. T. R.	Apr. 19 55	Dep. 14 53
Kalyan	...	24-05	16-16
Kasur	...	27-06	17-20
Isprahi	...	27-06	18-35
Nasik	...	27-06	18-35
Mannad	...	27-06	20-21 (Dinner)
Nandgaon	...	27-06	20-24
Chalgaon	...	27-06	21-34
Pachera	...	27-06	22-40
Jalgaon	...	27-06	23-43
Bhusawal	...	27-06	0-09
Malkapur	...	27-06	1-35
Jalamb	...	27-06	2-49
Shiggaon	...	27-06	3-05
Akola	...	27-06	3-53
Muradpur	...	27-06	4-45
Badnera	...	27-06	5-48
Dhamagum	...	27-06	6-29
Pulgaon	...	27-06	7-22
Wardha	...	27-06	8-08 (Tea)
Sindhi	...	27-06	9-05
Nagpur	...	27-06	10-20 a.m.

EARNINGS OF STATE RAILWAYS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
SIMLA, Dec. 16.

The total approximate gross earnings of the State Railways from 1st April to 4th December 1920 are more by Rs. 25,872,777 than the figures for the corresponding period of 1919.

(Continued from column 6.)

THE ESHER REPORT.

This has sent a thrill throughout the whole country. It means a complete subjugation of India and her subordination to the whims and caprices of White Hall, to which India will never ever submit. India expects that a strong Chief like yourself will not submit to this dictation from Whitehall, as it will create an unprecedented opposition in this land.

AN EARNEST PRAYER.

Your Excellency will thus perceive, that for the peace and progress of the land, it is absolutely necessary to retreat and reorganize the Indian Army to settle the Frontier Policy and to raise a Territorial Indian Army for India's defence. Without retrenchment, India cannot be clothed; India cannot be saved from disease; India cannot be freed from ignorance. And unless this is done, there will not be there cannot, be peace in India itself; and without internal peace, the task of the Government will be extremely difficult, and may perhaps become unbearable. It is under these difficult circumstances, that your Excellency takes up the command of the Indian Army, and it is earnestly hoped, that Retrenchment, Reorganization, a Pacific Frontier Policy, and a recognition of India's claim to defend her own borders will be your Excellency's chief concern.

On the sympathetic and statesmanlike military Policy of your Excellency will greatly depend the Internal and External Peace of India and it is your earnest prayer, that the Lord may guide your Excellency aright! Amen!

I remain,
Your Excellency's deferentially,
BAJAJJI PRAMJI BHARUCHA.

AN OPEN LETTER.

H. E. LORD RAWLINSON

Commander-in-Chief, Delhi.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

It is the pious practice of Anglo-Indians to shower encomiums on almost every Chief, Civil or Military, on his arrival in, and departure from this land; and accordingly you will find the Anglo-Indian Papers vying with each other in the expression of their ardent admiration for your Excellency. India, faithful and grateful India, while fully conscious of your splendid work and worth, it is not in a mood to jubilate at the present moment. For here has been the story of crime and depression, of distress and humiliation. And it is but meet, that right at the outset of your career, the present situation in India may be viewed from an Indian standpoint, and this I venture to place before you, Excellency in all humility.

THE FRONTIER BOGgy.

For the last many years, the bureaucracy in India, and their supporters in England, have dreamt of some boggy or another on the North-West Frontier; and they have kept themselves and the people of India in a state of fright, apprehension and suspicion!

(a) At first they were worried about the Afghan boggy; very much agitated at that account. Subsequently, they came to an understanding with Abdul Rahim, and promised him a hand some subsidy for preserving peace and order in the prescribed zones.

(b) Hardly was this arranged, the Anglo-India saw the spectre of Russian boggy. And this was scaring the Military Dept. to such an extent, that it hurried the formation of the Anglo-Russian Alliance?

(c) Once again the Afghan boggy reappeared, but was reconciled!

(d) Now there is the Bolshevik boggy looming large on the Frontier and again there is dread and depression in Anglo-India!

THE FRONTIER MUDDLE.

Thus there has been illusion, delusion, deception and depression in Anglo-Indian circles for years past; and India, that till recently believed that Anglo-India wrote and said, was also kept in perpetual dread. The Frontier policy of the Government of India has been all along oscillating, involving the country in serious military engagements, commitments and expense.

(a) There was at first a Passive policy.

(b) This developed into a Forward Policy.

(c) Then followed the Policy of Isolation.

(d) This was transformed into Conciliation.

(e) Again was ushered an aggressive Policy.

And so like the hands of a clock, the Military Policy on the N. W. Frontier kept on changing in a manner, that caused a regular muddle, and saddled India with an ever-increasing Military expenditure.

THE FRONTIER FIGHTING.

This has always been shrouded in secrecy, when it was going on; and then sung in ecstasies, after it was all over! It is said,

(a) That the fighting has been generally disconnected and irregular.

(b) That the Posts are so far apart, that they easily fall under surprise attacks.

(c) That concentrated action, while securing some territory, costs tremendously in men and materials.

(d) That armoured cars and machine guns are at a considerable disadvantage owing to the hilly nature of the country.

(e) And even aeroplanes are barely effective in the frontier fighting.

Thus the frontier fighting is absolutely unprofitable; and it simply embitters the relations between the two neighbours. This Military Policy, which is generally muddled except perhaps in the days of Kitchener, needs serious consideration and urgent revision, before the situation assumes serious proportions.

CRUSHING MILITARY EXPENDITURE.

It is but natural, that this dread of Dreamy Dangers and Boggy, the Policy of isolation and aggression, is bound to lead the bureaucracy to ever increasing military expenditure.

(a) There are no detailed accounts, of this expenditure.

(b) There is no independent audit of military accounts.

(c) Military expenditure is now swallowing nearly half of the total Revenue of India!

(d) With the result, that Education, Irrigation, and Sanitation are starved!

(e) And the bulk of the people are left unprotected against the attacks of dearth, draught, famine and disease!

INDIA IN A FERMENT.

What wonder then,

(a) If India is exhausted and exasperated? And

(b) If additional military burdens provoke serious opposition?

Believe me, Sir,

(c) That without early reduction, the situation will not improve; public feeling will ever remain acute and hostile.

(d) And furthermore, for Internal peace, goodwill of the people is essential. To win that goodwill, works of public weal are necessary. And to undertake and execute these, reduction of military expenditure is absolutely imperative and urgent.

INDIAN ARMY.

May I say, your Excellency,

(a) That the army in India is over-staffed with British Officials?

(b) That the latter are greatly in evidence at Balls and picnics on the hills and in the plains!

(c) That their tours and allowances are mounting up!

(d) That the Indian sepoy deserve greater attention and consideration.

(e) That Indians are entitled to equal ranks in Indian Army.

(f) And that an Indian Territorial Army

(Continued in column 6.)

NAGPUR CONGRESS.

APPEAL TO THE MERCHANT COMMUNITY.

From Our Correspondent.

NAGPUR, Dec. 14.

Mr. Jamnalal Bajaj, Chairman of the Reception Committee, Indian National Congress, Nagpur, sends out the following appeal to the merchant community of India to join the Congress in large numbers:—

The Indian National Congress has been holding its sessions regularly for the last 35 years and this year's Nagpur session is the 35th, and though in its history there have been many occasions for acute controversy about the methods and policies of politics to be adopted and pursued by the Congress, still it appears it was all along like a mere ripple agitating the surface of a vast sea being confined to a handful of the educated upper classes. The politics of the Congress had not penetrated into the masses of India but now, thanks to the policy of repressive administration adopted and actively pursued by the Government of the present Viceroy Lord Canning, beginning with the forcing of the Rowlett Bill through the Imperial Council against the unanimous opinion of the non-official members, and culminating eventually into such inhuman atrocities perpetrated by the Government officials under the authority of the Martial Law, as bombing the peaceful civil population from aeroplanes and the massacre of Jallianwala Bagh, and the shameful and irritating insults deliberately given to the women of the Punjab, and several other minor barbarous acts too numerous to admit of any mention here, the whole mass of the stolid Indian population has been rudely awakened to the sense of peril which can befall them, absolutely unsuspected of before under the aegis of the British Empire. It is the sense of peril that accounts for the ready support given by the masses of India, as represented in the Congress, to the programme of Non-Cooperation of Mahatma Gandhi, even against the stout opposition offered to it by many of the leading Congressmen of India. Along with the masses, even the merchant classes and particularly the Marwadi community have been aroused from their political slumber, and their indifference to politics has given place to active desires to participate in the politics of the country, and their absolute confidence so prevailing in the goodwill and honesty of purpose of the British Government in India has now been shaken to the root. Under the circumstances, I now appeal to the merchant community in general, and to my Marwadi brethren in particular, to join the Congress in large numbers by enrolling themselves as members of the Reception Committee, and as delegates. It would be a day of happy augury for India which will see the business-intellect of the country combining and co-operating with the literary intelligence for the practical realisation of our ideal.

M. Clemenceau was entertained at a banquet on the night of the 15th December, by His Highness the Maharaja of Benares at Nandeswar House.

The Most Revd. the Metropolitan in India and the Revd. J. Godber left Viceregal Lodge on the 14th instant.

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MR. SHAUKATALI'S LETTER TO AFGHAN ENVOY.

A correspondent wires from Bettiah:—

The following letter has been sent to his Excellency the Afghan Envoy, by Maulana Shaikat Ali, Honorary Secretary, India Central Khilafat Committee:—
"Your Excellency, 'Salamuhalikum', I have the honour to write this letter to you as per instructions issued to me by the Central Khilafat Committee in its meeting of the 23rd November, 1920, held at Aligarh. The Central Khilafat Committee desires that a small deputation of five or six competent Khilafat workers, with necessary attendants, should go out to Afghanistan to study the conditions of Mohajirs on the spot, and devise a scheme for their upkeep and support. I will submit the names to your Excellency after a little while, but the deputation will be headed by Maulana Abdulkalam Azad, and will also include one or two commercial men, so that they could, if possible, evolve a scheme to make the Mohajir Colony self-supporting. I will be extremely obliged if your Excellency will very kindly get permission from the Government of His Majesty, Ghazi Amir Amanullah Khan, Independent Muslim Ruler of Afghanistan. I regret I did not get a reply to my last communications. However, there was nothing very urgent or important in it. A very early reply would oblige. Mazajid, keep us on the right path, and give us strength to work for the glory and uplift of our great faith.

I have the honour to be,
Your Excellency's most obedient servant,
(Sd.) Shaikat Ali Khadimekaba,
Honorary Secretary,
All-India Central Khilafat Committee."

"NEW INDIA" AND GUJARAT NATIONAL COLLEGE.

Principal S. G. Gidwani wires to us as follows:—

"New India", in a leading article with the heading "What about Ahmedabad?", informs its readers that only 35 students have left the Government Gujarat College and that it is not certain that even those 35 have joined the Gujarat National College. Its correspondent seeks to discredit our statement that we started with 59 students. We have on our rolls, students not only from the Gujarat Government College, but also from the Elphinstone, Wilson, St. Xavier, Ferguson, Baroda and Surat Colleges. We never stated that all the 59 students we started with, came from the Gujarat College. We have now 80 students in the College, of whom 55 do come from the Gujarat Government College. It is to be hoped that respectable papers will make sure of their facts and figure, before basing their editorials about us on them.

NON-COOPERATION IN SHOLAPUR.

The Secretary Khilafat Committee, Sholapur wires to us:—
Moulana Mohamed Abdulalim Siddiqui of Meerut visited Sholapur on the 13th December and spoke on Non-Cooperation, on Monday night and Tuesday evening. It was decided to open a National High School. It was also announced that Messrs. Jafar Abdul Kader and Abdulkarim Ghudubhai promised to return the certificates they received from the Government for taking part in the peace celebrations. Other titleholders are also expected to do the same.

Hon. Mr. M. Keane, Chief Secretary to Government, will be the first President of the Reformed Legislative Council of the United Provinces.

Rai Bahadur Girish Chandra Nag, retired Deputy Magistrate has been elected a member of the Indian Legislative Assembly from the Surma Valley (cum-Shillong) constituency.

ANTI-NON-COOPERATORS'

MOVEMENT IN GONDA WRECKED.

(From a Correspondent.)

LUCKNOW, Dec. 14.

The anti-non-cooperation movement at Gonda has been wrecked. Sometime ago an attempt was made to hold an anti-non-cooperation meeting at Barabanki, but by the timely warning of the local District Khilafat Committee. It never took place.

The case was otherwise at Gonda. We learn that the scheme was conceived and matured by the zealous local authorities, and the plan was perfect and well thought of. The names of the local Khilafat Secretaries appeared in the notification and a list of Ulemas was given. The 12th and the 13th were fixed for the meeting. The Oudh Khilafat Committee, however, came to know that the Shamsul Ulemas, Moulvi Abdul Majid and Abdul Hamid Pirangimabadi, and Moulvi Ashraf Ali of Thana Bhawan had been sent for by special messenger. Information was received that funds were collected under the direct supervision of local officials and that the management was placed in the hands of their subordinate.

A deputation of the Oudh Khilafat Committee, consisting of Moulvi Salamat Ullah and Shaikh Shaikat Ali watched the proceedings. Invitations were issued to other Ulemas also, of which Maulana Abul Qasim of Benares, Abu Baker, Jangpur, Abdul Kafi of Allahabad and a few others arrived. But those summoned through messengers, some how, or other, did not attend. The Oudh Khilafat Committee Deputation was approached, and was given assurance that the meeting will be purely religious. Hence they gave an undertaking that in such circumstances they will not oppose the meeting.

However, on the 12th Moulvi Abul Baker commenced to lecture. The gathering was very thin the Gonda people getting wind of the real object, that is, the anti-non-cooperation nature of the meeting. But the first lecture gave them satisfaction and the afternoon gathering was comparatively large, when prayers were offered for the late Sheikh-ul-Hind, Moulvi Mahmood Hasain of Deoband. The Climax came in the evening when Moulana Abdul Qasim spoke on "Islam, a true Religion". The speaker explained the teachings in detail which also mentioned about non-cooperation "Terke Muslat", a subhead of "Jehad", which means struggle for Islam and explained that it was the feeblest kind of struggle, failing which, a Muslim can not claim a grain of faith in him, illustrating his proposition by the biography of the Holy Prophet of Islam and his disciples, and basing his arguments on texts of the Quran, and the doings of the Prophet.

Moulavi Mohammad of Jaunpur, impressed on the audience the necessity of following the Holy Prophet and conducting non-cooperation with the enemies of Islam. In the afternoon Moulana V. Abu Baker again delivered a lecture for the last time, on "The Characteristics of a True Muslim", under which came indirectly the point of non-cooperation. In the evening Moulvi Abdul Wahid and Abdul Qasim delivered lectures. Moulvi Abdul Wahid, wanted to expound Home Rule in the light of Islamic doctrines, but finished as the time was over.

Moulana Abul Kasim, was asked to continue his last night's discourse and he impressed on the audience the necessity of boycotting foreign ways of living, and the necessity of union as zealous Muslims intending to free their Holy place from the enemies of Islam. He also impressed upon Hindus the necessity of union. He said, "quarrel you will as brothers do, but for higher objects, that is for Swaraj, you must join for your good and the sake of your country." In his first lecture he advised the Muslims to unite with Hindus on the authority of the Holy Prophet's conduct who, to support his Allies at Mecca advanced on the city and thus came about the conquest of Mecca.

The gathering was very large the spacious shamiana erected on Anjuman (local Indian club) ground was full. The lecture was heard in perfect silence and with wrapped attention none leaving until he finished late at 11. His lecture was forceful, instructive, impressive and full of arguments based on authority. When closing Moulana appealed for the Nedwatululana College of Lucknow which has gallantly refused Government aid. It is satisfactory that the mofussil and local Khilafat committees were active. The mofussil secretaries and presidents attended. It is very pleasing to learn that the Gonda public strongly boycotted the meeting as long as they were not satisfied that the meeting was not against the spirit of the country. Thus the anti-non-cooperation attempt of the "Ji Hums" and we should thank them at least for their plans in collecting funds and furnishing us the opportunity of upholding their country's cause.

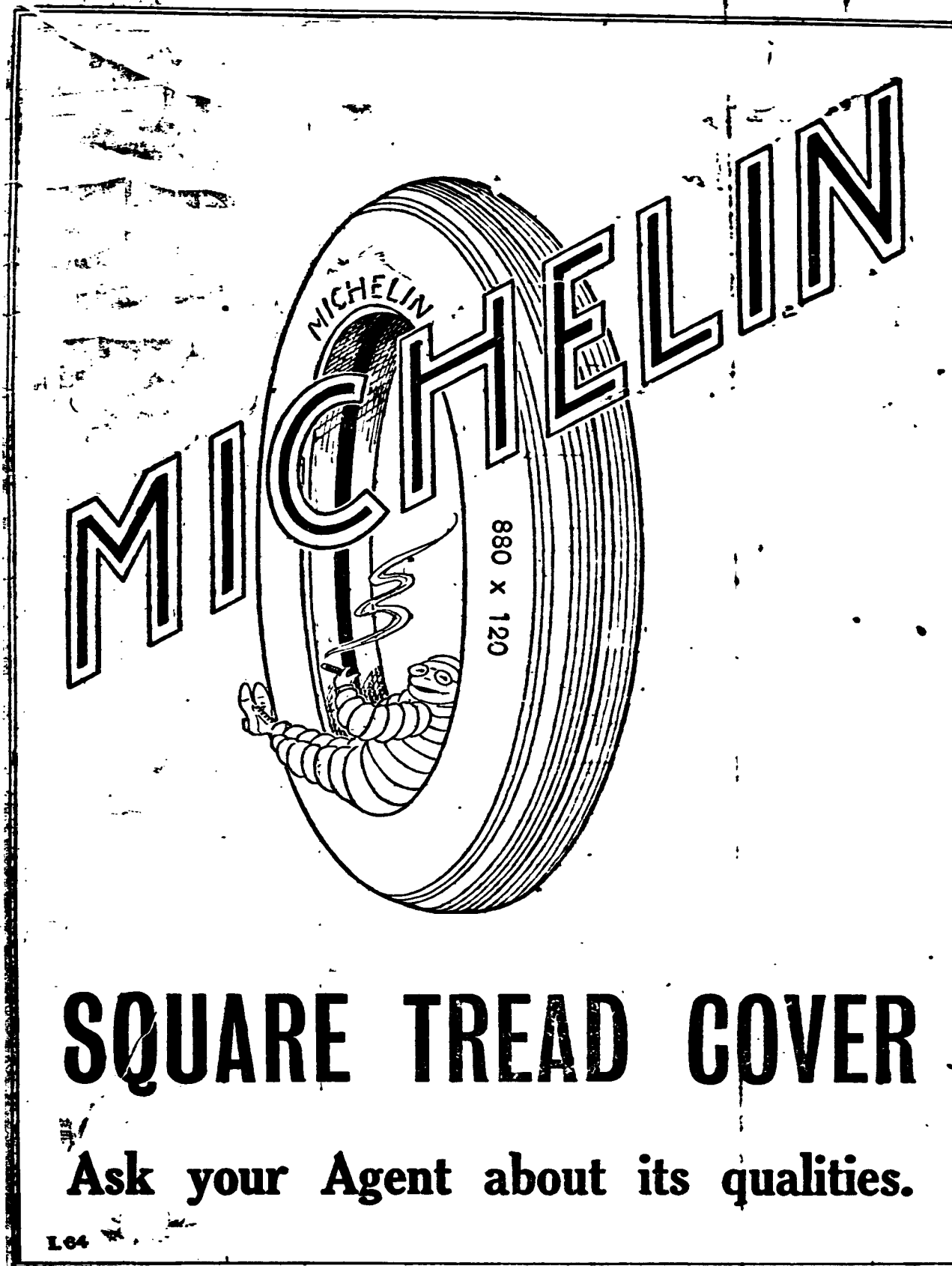
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NINE PLEADERS SUSPENDED.

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ALLAHABAD, Dec. 15.

The full bench of the Allahabad High Court passed orders to-day in the case of the nine pleaders of Azamgarh, who were charged with filing false fee certificates. They have all been suspended for twelve months from to-day. In the course of the judgment their Lordships remarked that there had been great laxity in the past in relation to professional conduct. If all pleaders had come to court and told the truth at the outset the period of suspension would have been considerably less.

ALLEGED CORRUPT PRACTISE AT VOTING.

COMPLAINT AGAINST A GOVT. OFFICIAL.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

NAOKHALLI, Dec. 13.

A correspondent writes, it is understood that a serious complaint has been made to the District Magistrate against a polling officer of the district alleging that he, Government official, induced voters to vote for a candidate put forward by the Non-Cooperators. It is further understood that the District Magistrate will hold an open enquiry into the allegation.

SCARE OF INVASION OF TIBET
DISBELIEVED IN AUTHENTIC CIRCLES

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 15.

The "Pioneer" says that the report recently published in India that the Chinese are massing troops in order to invade Tibet and parties of "Turks" have made their appearance on the northern boundary of that country is entirely discredited in circles, which should be well informed in regard to Tibetan affairs.

THIEVES IN SALSETTE.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

VERSOVA, Dec. 15.

It appears that of late there have been many of these inhuman thieves at large in the Salsette District especially at Andheri, Versova and other villages. Their game is to set fire to some small cottage or thatched house in the village so that the neighbours all run and are attracted to the scene of fire, while these robbers make their way into other houses with the object of carrying on their nefarious game.

Will the Police authorities keep a vigilant watch over these sort of scoundrels and thereby safeguard the lives and property of the public residing in Salsette.

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EDUCATION DEFENCE LEAGUE.

TO COPE WITH THE NON-COOPERATORS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

ALIGARH, Dec. 15.

In order to cope with the educational Non-Cooperation movement, a committee under the name of the Mahomedan Education Defence League has been formed. It proposes to establish branches at any place where such expediency exists.

ALIGARH PROFESSOR BOYCOTTED.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 15.

Moulvi Suleman Ashraf, theology professor of the Aligarh College, reached here, as he does every year to give a sermon on the prophet's birth. Mussalmans unanimously decided to boycott the Moulvi for being in cooperation with the Trustees and staff of the College responsible for Islamic sacrileges. The local Khilafat Committee issued notice to observe the dignity of Islam and advocating the boycott of Moulvi Suleman Ashraf. Another lecture of Moulvi Fariduddin Ahmad was arranged at Dairahajnal, where Muslims in large numbers assembled and hear not a single one, went to Moulvi Suleman Ashraf. Moulvi Fariduddin Ahmad addressed the audience and the professor was not seen on the pulpit.

LORD SINHA, THE PRESS ACT AND MR. GOKHALE.

The "Tribune" writes:—

In his reply to the toast of his health proposed by Sir Narayan Chandavarkar, Lord Sinha made an exceedingly interesting, if to us painful, statement in connection with the passage of the Press Act. Referring to the belief abroad that he had been mainly responsible for the passage of the Act, his Lordship said that "the late Mr. Gokhale threatened that if he (Lord Sinha) resigned his position on that ground, then he would also resign his seat in the Council and never enter it." That Mr. Gokhale supported the Press Act and was also partially responsible for the all but unanimous support which that measure received from the Indian members—in fact the only two dissentients were Pandit Malaviya and Mr. Basu—has long been a matter of common knowledge. It is, we believe, equally well known that outside the Council also he took an active interest in allaying opposition to the measure. It is within our own knowledge, for instance, that he saw one of the foremost leaders of the Moderate party in Bengal and tried to persuade him that in supporting the measure he was only doing the right thing. But this is the first time that we have learnt from so authoritative a source that Mr. Gokhale had something to do also with the abandonment by Lord Sinha of his intention of resigning his position as protest against the introduction of the Press Act. Mr. Gokhale's magnificent and life-long services to his country can suffer without serious injury any amount of deduction on account of this solitary wrong he did to his country, but the nature of the wrong is undoubtedly intensified by the revelation just made. Had Lord Sinha really thrown up his position, as he appears to have originally intended, we are perfectly certain that the moral value of that action would have been immense, and the Press Act, even if passed, would have been worked with far greater caution and moderation than has actually been the case.

Hon Mr. Fazal Huq, presiding over the Bengal Mahomedan Conference, denounced boycott of schools and described the movement as immoral, unjust and selfish. It would reduce Mussalmans in India to the position of political helots.

The District Traffic Superintendent, Podanur (S. I. Railway) wires under date Dec. 15.—Through running of trains, one diversion resumed to-day at 13/50-hours.

A communique states:—His Majesty the King has approved the bearing of the title "His Excellency" on their assumption of office by the Governors of the United Provinces, Punjab, Bihar and Orissa, the Central Provinces and Assam.

The second Brahmabhatt Conference of Gujarat will be held on the 25th and 26th instant at Baroda.

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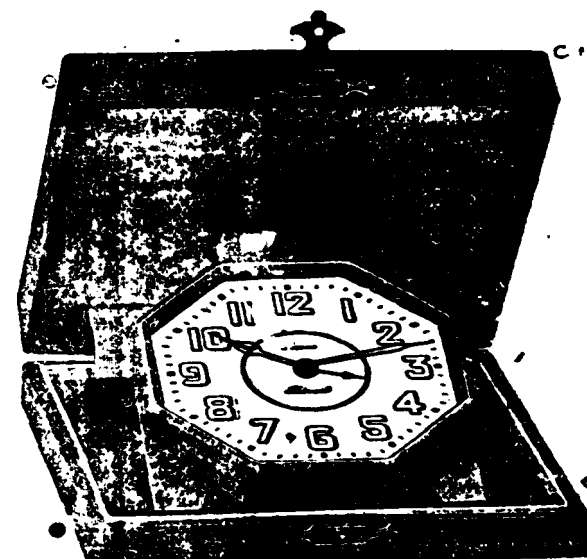
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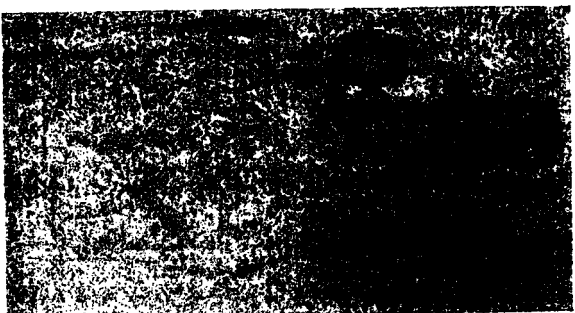
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SIR ARTHUR YAPP.

BUSY DAY AT LUCKNOW.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

LUCKNOW, Dec. 16.

Sir Arthur Yapp arrived at Lucknow from Lahore on the 14th instant and left for Calcutta via Benares on the 15th. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Daniels. He had a very full day, paying calls, visiting the Y.M.C.A. centres, an sight-seeing. In the afternoon, he inspected the Y. M. C. A. rooms at the Followers Central depot, the 16th Rajputs and the 2nd Rajputs and was accompanied by Brigadier General O'Grady, Major Gittings, Captain Holland, the officer commanding the two regiments. Mr. Singha, head of the Y. M. C. A. for Indian Army work and Mr. Shukla, senior secretary in charge of the local work. Sir Arthur addressed the Indian troops in three camps, who gave him a warm welcome and expressed gratitude for the friendly services of his association and praised the good work of Mr. Shukla, the local secretary. In the evening, he was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Singha who were "At Home" to their friends to meet Sir Arthur.

At the end of the festivities, Mr. Singh announcing that Sir Arthur would speak a few words introduced him not as the famous Food Controller of England nor as the head of a great organisation but as a loving and large-hearted friend of India.

Sir Arthur Yapp expressed his delight at meeting such a representative gathering which included civil service, army, education various missions; law and landed nobility. He dwelt and urged all foreign friends of India who had been labouring devotedly in the past for the good of India not to be discouraged by the present situation which was to be welcomed as a hopeful sign and as an incentive to greater labour and source of higher opportunities and better results. He declared that great as the contribution of the Christians' organisations had been in the past, much greater and nobler future awaited them if they would rise to new opportunities and the new call of India in the name and in the spirit of Jesus Christ, the Master who, was to be remembered, was given to them by the East.

From Khandari Lodge, Sir Arthur went to Bilkhusha where he gave an address of hope and good cheer at the British Army Y. M. C. A.

CALCUTTA FIRE BRIGADE.

REPORT OF SPLENDID WORK

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CALCUTTA, Dec. 15.

The report of the working of the Calcutta Fire Brigade which protects an area of over one hundred and thirteen square miles with a population of about one and a half millions shows that the brigade had heavy work last year. During the riots in April last, the brigade had no less than nine calls and the engines and men had to face serious risks at the hands of the rioters. In one day of the riot twenty-four persons were injured. Ten Europeans and fourteen Indians were hit by stones by the rioters. During the last year there were 550 fires and the damage caused by fire and water was estimated at Rs. 28,13,062, being an increase of Rs. 12,62,748 over the last year. The most serious outbreak was the fire at the Hanuman Jute Press at Ghosiy in Howrah, where the damage was estimated at ten lakhs of rupees. The total number of fatalities during year was 45, as compared with 10 in the previous year. Of these five persons died including a European, named King who was found under the bed in a room on fire. He was taken to the hospital but died on the way. Among 41 persons injured there were 10 European

ENTENTE'S POLICY IN THE NEAR EAST.

PROBABLE WITHDRAWAL OF GREEK MANDATES.

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ALLAHABAD, Dec. 15.

The "Pioneer" writes it would be premature to speculate at present on the change which may be brought about in the Entente policy in the near east as a result of the recent developments in Greece. There would seem to be a possibility of a royalist reaction which may lead to the withdrawal of the Greek mandate for Smyrna. One thing that is plain is that by whatever methods they may have brought it about the royalist faction are undoubtedly in ascendancy at the moment and the near eastern policy of the Entente will have to reckon with the changed conditions entailed by their ascendancy.

REVENUE SYSTEM OF BURMA.

IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

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RANGOON, Dec. 15.

The Lieutenant Governor has appointed a committee to study the revenue systems in other provinces and ascertain whether improvements can be introduced into Burma. The Committee consists of Messrs. F. Noyce, I.C.S., Madras, Messrs. Furnell and Couper, I.C.S., Burma, and Mr. D'Souza, Burma Land Record Department. Proposals to form a separate circle survey of India for Burma have been submitted and if approved six survey parties will be working in Burma and the Land Records Department will be released of the survey work.

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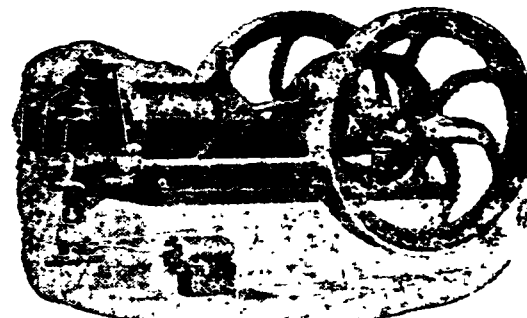
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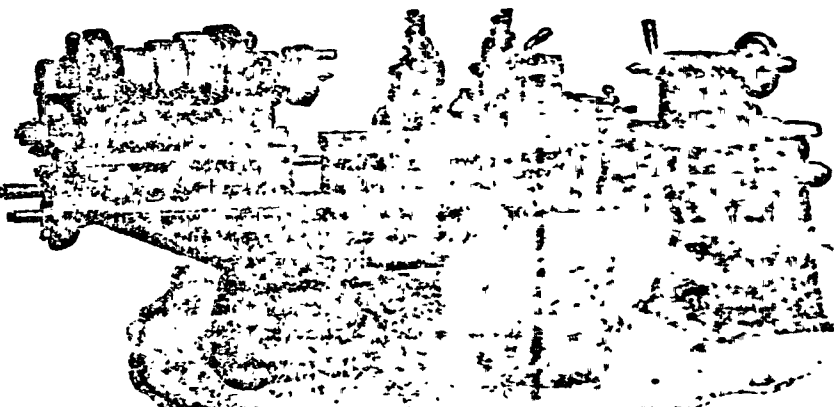
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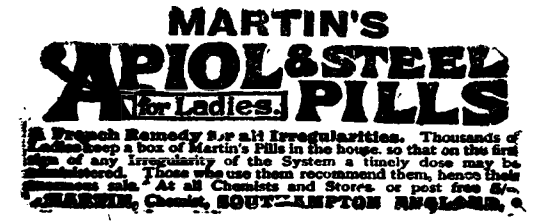
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Opinions of the Day.

Lahore and Seditious Meetings Act.

The "Tribune":—Our real objections to the Government's action (application of the Seditious Meetings Act to Lahore Municipal Area) are those we have stated so often before. We do not believe in the suppression of liberty because it is notoriously liable to abuse in individual cases or in punishing a whole city or a whole district because of the alleged shortcomings of an infinitesimally small section of the population, any more than we believe in the suppression of Government because Governments sometimes do wrong, or in maligning the whole British Government and the whole British nation because of the misdeeds of an individual British official. If there are men who abuse their liberty of speech, do get hold of them if you like and if you think it expedient, and have them tried according to law. But under no circumstances should you take away the liberty of the innocent majority for the faults, whether supposed or real, of a small or insignificant minority.

Calcutta University.

The "Searchlight":—"Unless the people of Bengal are prepared to face the situation and treat the University as their own it would have to close!" That is an extract from a recent utterance of Sir Ashutosh Mukerjee, and is intended, we have no doubt, to bring face to face with the public the seriously dilapidated state of the University finances. But will the people of Bengal, in spite of the sudden discovery made by the bureaucracy and Anglo-India of their great virtues and capabilities—apropos the non-cooperation movement—pay to keep a university that is run by the bureaucrats. The Calcutta University does not belong to the people. Any Tom, Dick and Harry can override, as Indian educational officers, brilliant products of the Calcutta University. We need not detail the specific educational grievances, we all know them by heart. To appeal for the money of the people is in vain.

Burmese Boycott

The "New Burma":—The boycott of the new Indian Councils by the Burmese people is now almost complete as nearly all the candidates have withdrawn their candidatures. Those who were late for formal withdrawal have intimated through the Press their voters not to vote for them. We have been authoritatively informed that U Htoon Chan of Akyab has resolved to abide by the decision of the Proclamation Conference for non-participation. The only remaining candidates who have not made their views known to the public are U Po Bye (for the Council and Maung Maung Sin (for the Assembly). As regards the latter, it cannot be said that he will follow the lead given by the Conference; but as for U Po Bye, we may be sure that he will act up to the decision of the Conference as he is a staunch supporter of the Y.M.B.A. But we eagerly await his final declaration.

Preparing for Another War?

The "A. B. Patrika":—It was asserted by the Allies with all emphasis they could command that the League of Nations would bring in the "Satya Yuga" or Golden Age, in Europe when wars among nations would practically cease to exist. But what does a comparison of the expenditure under armaments before the war and during the present war in some of the important countries of the world point to? Why, they have all abnormally increased their expenditure under that head. Thus Britain is spending £120,000,000 for her army this year an amount nearly three times that of 1914. America has estimated for £170,000,000 for the army and £180,000,000 for the navy; in 1914 the cost of the army was £20,000,000; its strength was 100,000 men as against 735,000 officers and men today. France spent in the first quarter of the current year alone nearly £110,000,000 and in 1914 less than £40,000,000. Japan's expenditure this year is £40,000,000 and in 1914 it was less than £10,000,000. Of the current year's estimated amount, £4,000,000 are for 'new works', £1,000,000 for the 'completion of fortresses', nearly £2,500,000 is allotted to the 'improvement of armaments and the cost of the aviation corps and its training school'. Again an expenditure of £40,000,000 is proposed for the improvement of weapons and munitions during the next 11 years; and £70,000,000 for the completion of the next 20 years. In short, they are preparing themselves for another war, which is to be of a more deadly character than the one, that is over. The Fiji Tragedy.

The "Leader":—The disease which manifested itself in Fiji will only be transplanted to India by the return of the despairing and helpless emigrants. Awakened India will draw its own lessons from the *Aijrat*. The British flag will be regarded more and more a symbol of slavery and 'tyranny' by them. One more chapter will be added to the history of the passing of the greatest Empire the world has seen. British statesmen are preoccupied with an unrighteous war in Ireland, fighting labour at home, and coercing the Turks and the Arabs. They have little time to devote themselves to the vital problems of imperial and domestic reconstructions. They are neglecting the heavy burdens they have on hand and wasting their talents and resources in attempts to extend British domination. And in pursuit of this shortsighted policy they are also squandering the inestimable wealth of imperial loyalty which proved itself a pillar of strength during the great crisis of the war. Does the Government of India still think that there is no case for an independent inquiry into the Fiji disturbances and for reassuring the minds of Indians there? Must the things in Fiji be allowed to take their tragic course?



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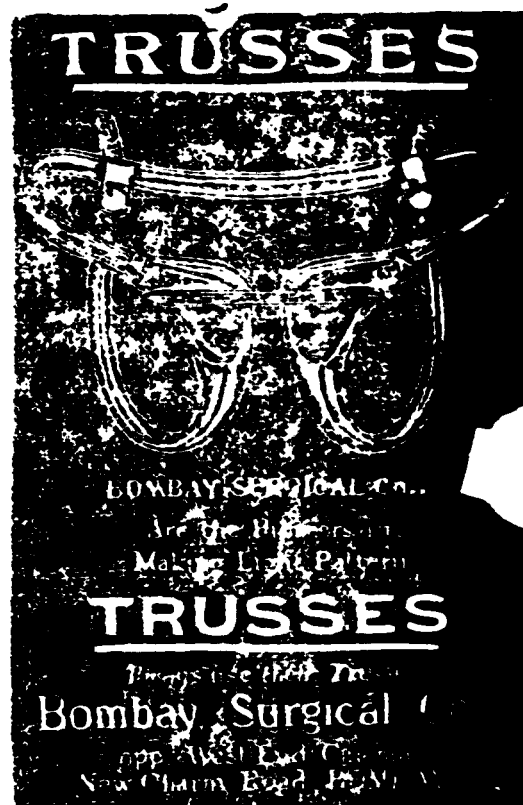
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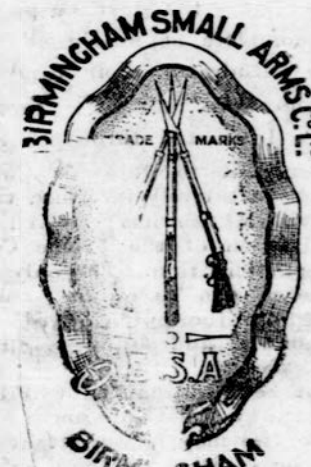
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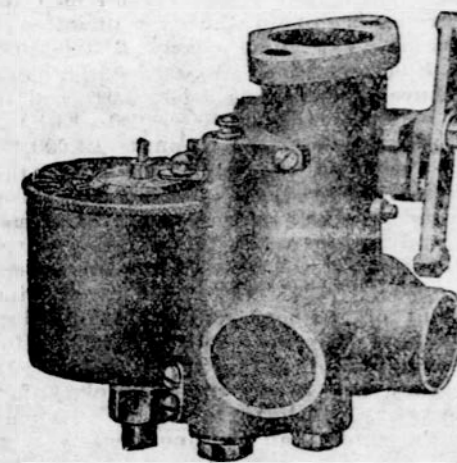
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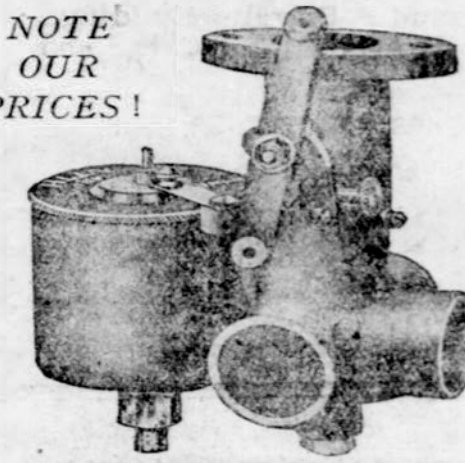
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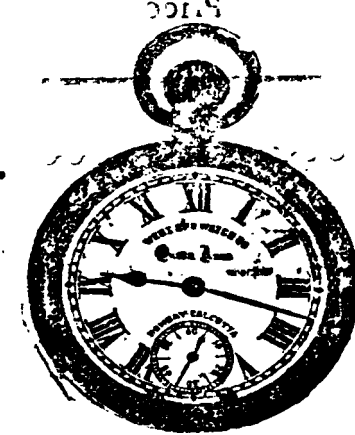
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